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THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

WE WISH TO INFORM YOU OF THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE RIVER STREET FIRE STATION. THIS CLOSING IS DUE TO THE EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SOON. THE MEN AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE RELOCATED TO FIRE HEADQUARTERS AT 491 BROADWAY AND WILL RESPOND TO THEIR REGULAR CALLS FROM THAT LOCATION. RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR AREA 7 WILL INCREASE RESPONSE TIME FROM 3-5 MINUTES TO 4-7 MINUTES, AREA 5 WILL INCREASE FROM 3-5 MINUTES TO 5-8 MINUTES, AND AREA 2 WILL SEE AN INCREASE FROM 4-8 MINUTES TO 8-12 MINUTES. THESE WILL BE THE TIMES ENGINE 6 WILL TAKE TO GET TO THE PLACE THEY ARE NEEDED IF THEY RESPOND FROM FIRE HEADQUARTERS AS OPPOSED TO THEIR PRESENT RESPONSE TIMES FOR THESE SAME AREAS WHEN THEY RESPOND FROM THE RIVER STREET STATION.

WE WANT YOU TO REALIZE THAT THE TIME IT TAKES FOR THE FIRST PIECE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS TO ARRIVE AT THE SCENE IN AREA 2, 5, & 7 SHOULD UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES BE FROM 1 TO 6 MINUTES. BUT THERE MAY BE A DELAY IN THE TIME THAT THE SECOND COMPANY ARRIVES, IF ENGINE 6 IS MOVED TO FIRE HEADQUARTERS.

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THE RENOVATIONS WILL TAKE FROM 6 MONTHS TO 18 MONTHS, OR LONGER IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS. WE WOULD PREFER THE CITY SET UP A TEMPORARY FIRE STATION SIMILAR TO WHAT THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE UTILIZED IN UNION SQUARE. THE SITE SHOULD BE LOCATED IN AREA 5 OR 7 PREFERABLY NEAR PUTNAM AVENUE. THE COST OF THE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED AT \$ 80,000.00. WE BELIEVE THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE A SMALL PRICE TO PAY TOWARDS MAINTAINING THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FIRE PROTECTION LOCATED IN THE RIVERSIDE AND CAMBRIDGEPORT SECTION OF CAMBRIDGE.

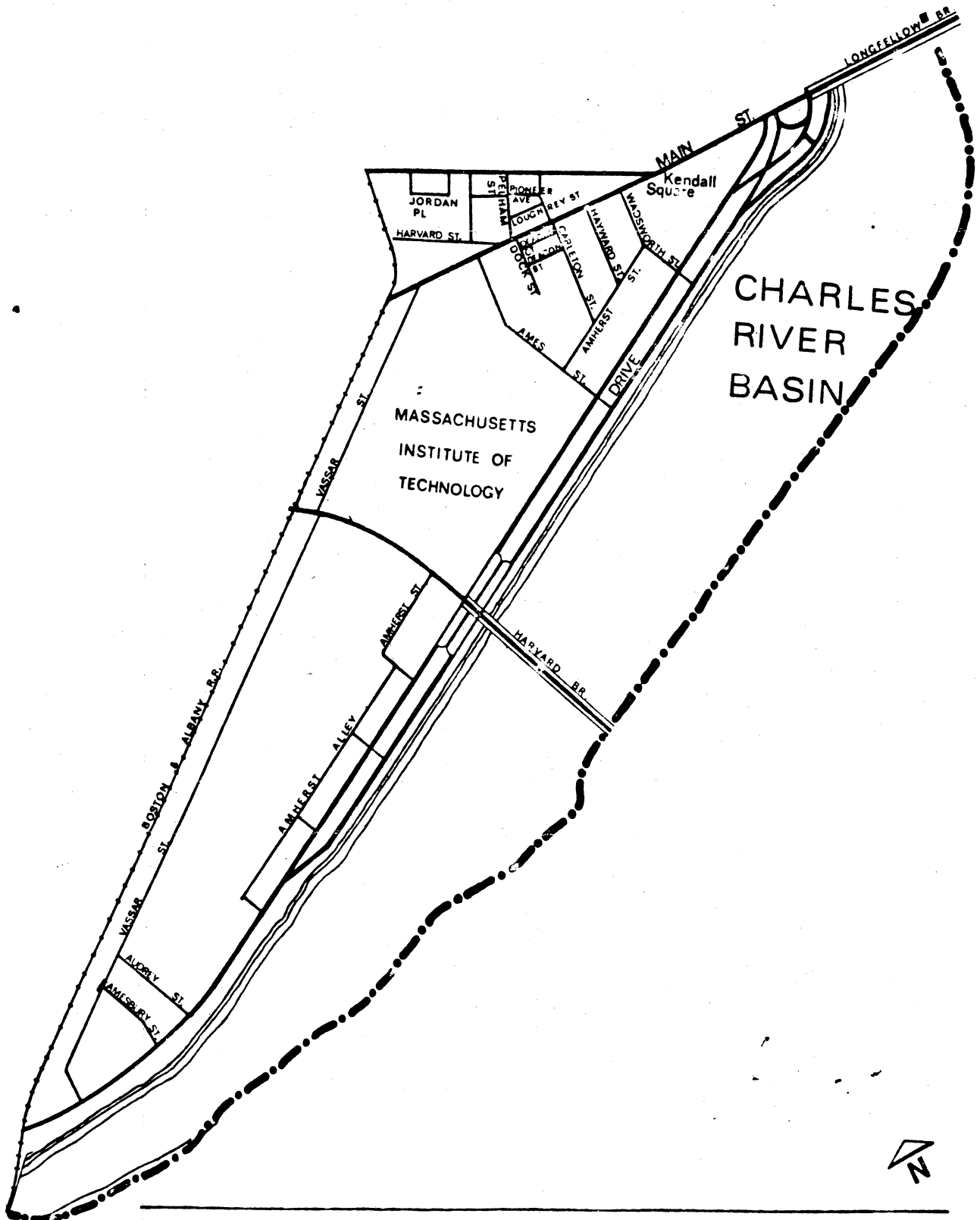
ATTACHED ARE COPIES OF AREAS WHICH WILL BE JEOPARDIZED DUE TO THE POSSIBLE DELAY OF RESPONDING FIRE SUPPRESSION FORCES.

SINCERELY,

JOHN T. ROCCA

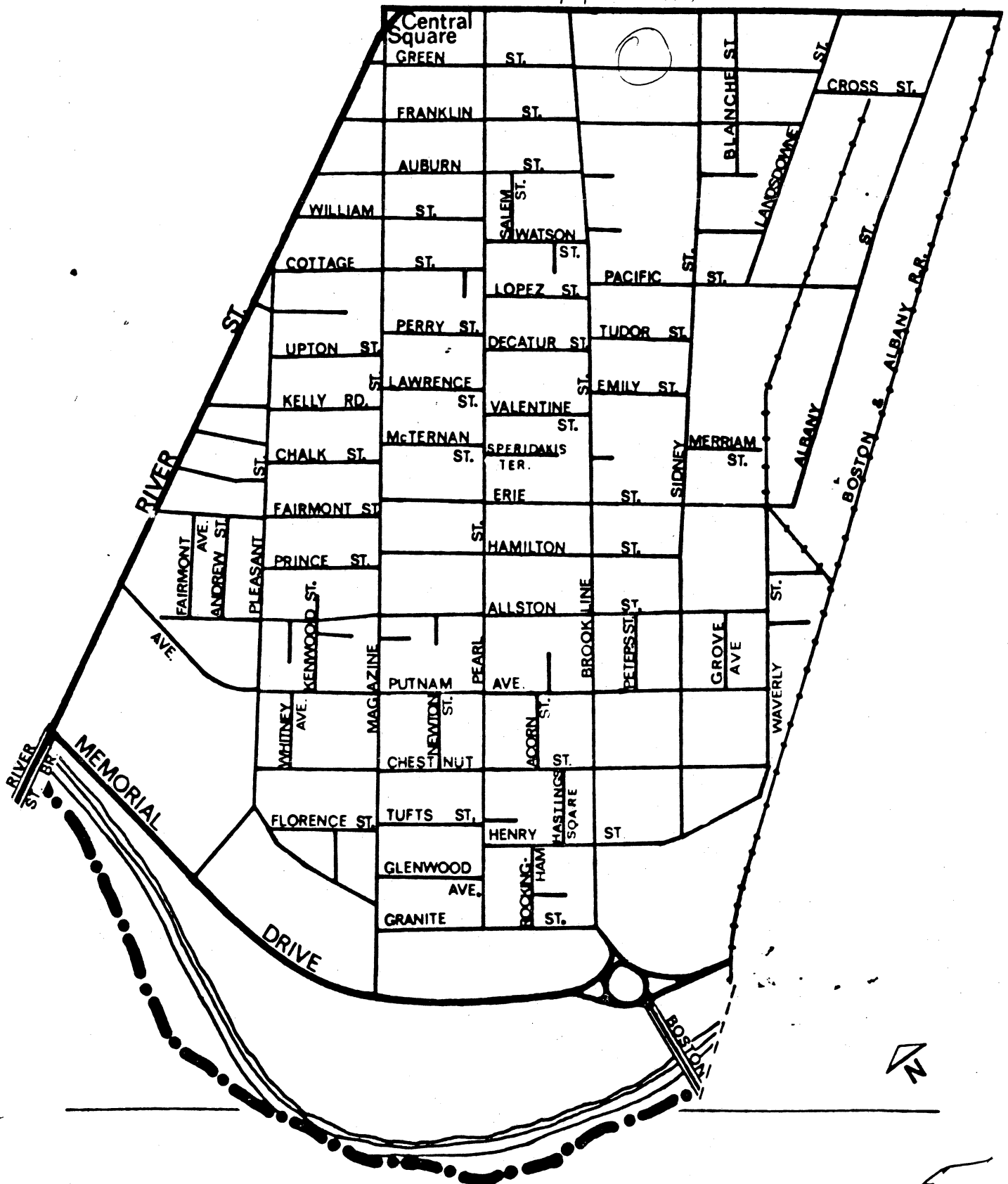
PRESIDENT LOCAL NO. 30 I.A.F.F.

Neighborhood 2



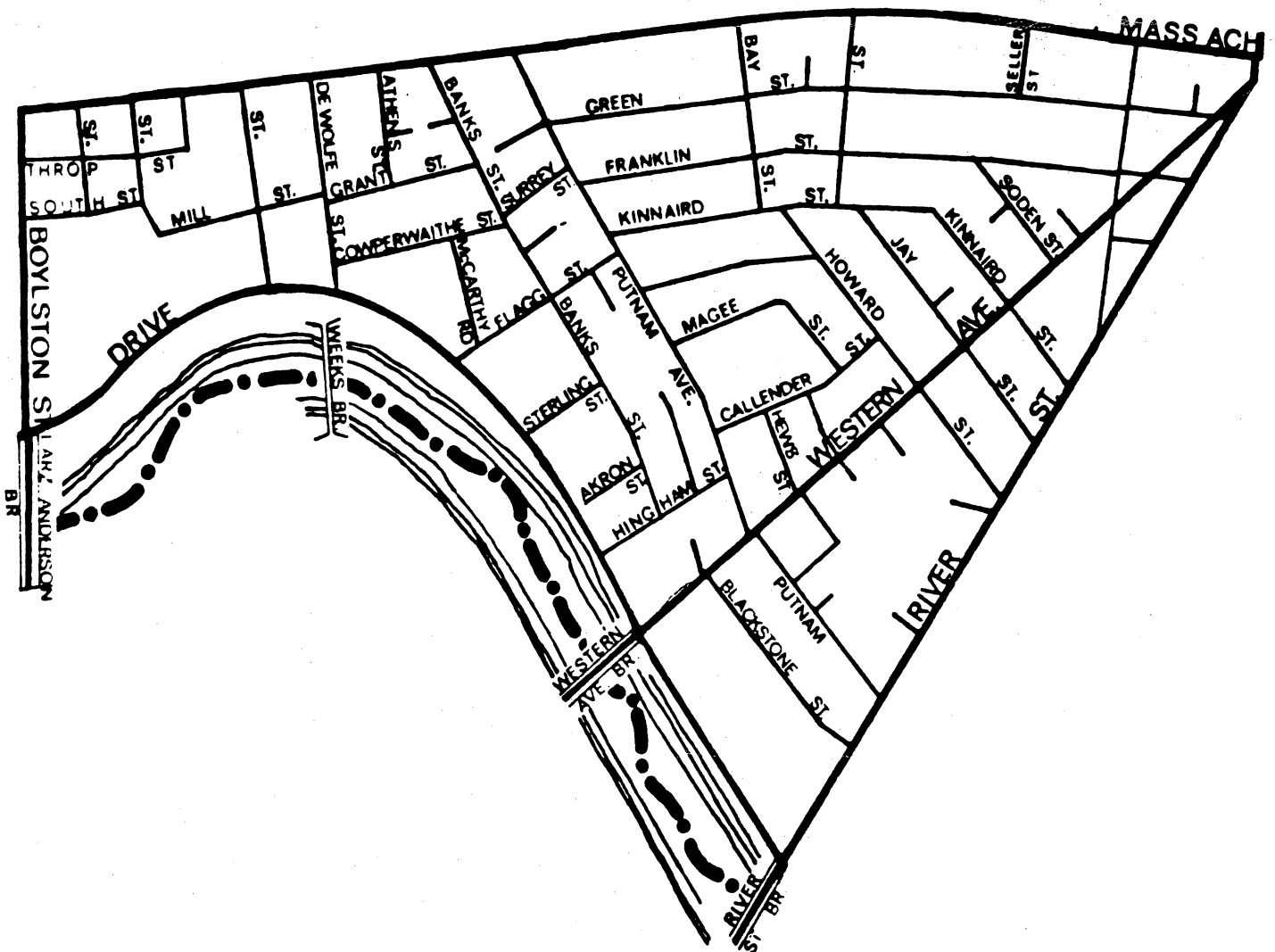
Neighborhood 5 Cambridgeport

Mass Ave.



Neighborhood 7

Riverside



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Comm. from John T. Rocca, President, Local 30,
I.A.F.F., regarding the temporary closing of
the River Street Fire Station.

In City Council,

October 19, 1987