

CAMBRIDGEPORT
HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS
ASSOCIATION

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Valentine St. Fire Citizens Committee

Dear Mr. Clinton

It is our understanding that one of the jobs of the Valentine St. Committee was to check businesses along Brookline St. for code violations, in order to prevent another Valentine St. fire.

Along this line, members of our group have several times raised the issue of two truck trailers which are squeezed into the backyard of Wright Grinding, Inc., at 101-103 Brookline St. These trailers are adjacent to residences at 1-7 Rollins Ct., 9-15 Lopez, 4-8 Watson, and 99 Brookline St.

We have talked to many of the people in these buildings and they have several common concerns:

- 1) The storage of materials from a machine shop so close to older residential property represents a fire hazard. This area had its own threatening fire at 12-14 Watson St. only several months before Valentine St.
- 2) Kids play on these trailers, by sliding off the sloped metal roof of Wright Grinding and jumping on the trailers. This is not only a nuisance to neighbors (noise, damage to fences, etc.) but is also dangerous to the kids. The trailers don't appear very sturdy, are tilting, and apparently have holes in the roof.
- 3) They are an eyesore.

A main problem in dealing with the trailers is that they were placed there before a July, 1961, permit to extend the main building. The trailers could now only be removed by dismantling them and carrying them out piece by piece.

At any rate, we would appreciate any help you could give us in getting these trailers inspected and, if there are serious violations, in getting them removed. Could you let us know what is decided?

Thank you,

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City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 7, 1973

Councillor Clinton

WHEREAS:

(It has been brought to the attention of this City Council that truck trailers are stored in the rear portion of the premises occupied at 101-103 Brookline Street by the Wright Grinding Company;

WHEREAS:

The presence of these trailers which are in a state of disrepair constitute a continuing nuisance to the residents of adjacent homes on Rollins, Lopez and Brookline Streets and have provided a dangerous playground for children of the area who jump on these trailers from the adjoining buildings;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine in consultation with the appropriate department heads concerned whether the storage of these trailers is in violation of the ordinances of the City of Cambridge and to further take the necessary action to cause their removal;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to determine whether the storage of materials by the machine shop at this address represents a fire hazard to the residents of the area and to take the required action for their removal without delay.

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