

# City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council Sept. 26, 1994

Agenda Item # 12

| YEA | NAY | ABSENT | PRESENT |                             |
|-----|-----|--------|---------|-----------------------------|
|     |     |        |         |                             |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Ms. Kathleen L. Born        |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. Francis H. Duehay       |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. Jonathan S. Myers       |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mrs. Sheila T. Russell      |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. Michael A. Sullivan     |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.  |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Ms. Katherine Triantafillou |
| ✓   |     |        |         | Mr. William H. Walsh        |
|     |     | ✓      |         | Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves     |

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## Petition

As residents of the neighborhood surrounding **163 Rear Western Avenue**, we ask that the City of Cambridge take action to demolish the delapidated building on this lot. The progressive deterioration of this vacant building over the past 9 years has created a safety hazard and an eyesore in our neighborhood. We have observed children entering the building through unsecured windows, and a number of cats and raccoons have taken up residence in the building over the years.

**We strongly support the City's recent condemnation of this property and we ask that the structure be destroyed promptly.** After removal of the building, we urge that the lot be restored to level grade and that the City of Cambridge take an active role in keeping it free of weeds and debris.

| name               | address                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Tom Carpenter      | 27 + 29 KINNAIRD ST. #1    |
| May Carpenter      | 27 - 29 Kinnaird Street #1 |
| Major Brooks       | 153 Western Ave Apt 3      |
| Velma Brooks       | 153 Western Ave Apt 2      |
| Jessie M Bolden    | 153 Western Ave Apt 1      |
| May A. Ellenberg   | 27 Kinnaird St. #5         |
| J Neel Burnham     | 27 Kinnaird St. #4         |
| Sue Gray           | 27 Kinnaird St #4          |
| An Nguyen Schirmer | 26 Jay St.                 |
| Gregory Reeves     | 27 Kinnaird St. #6         |
| [Signature]        | 27 Kinnaird St. #3         |
| Catherine Paterson | 27 Kinnaird St. #3         |
| [Signature]        | 27 KINNAIRD ST. #5         |
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CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

September 26, 1994

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994

ORDERED: That in addition to sums previously appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal period 1994-95 the following sum is hereby appropriated in the General Fund the City of Cambridge:

| FUNCTION         | DEPARTMENT OR<br>PROGRAM       | SALARY<br>\$ WAGES | OTHER<br>ORDINARY<br>MAINTENANCE | TRAVEL &<br>TRAINING | EXTRAORDINARY<br>EXPENDITURES | APPROPRIATIONS |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Public<br>Safety | Inspectional<br>Services Dept. |                    | \$55,000                         |                      |                               | \$55,000.00    |

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above appropriation in the General Fund to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

| FINANCING PLAN         | REVENUE     |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Boarding & Razing Fees | \$55,000.00 |

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Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

*D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI  
Deputy City Manager

September 26, 1994

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby requesting the appropriation of \$55,000 into the General Fund of Inspectional Services Other Ordinary Maintenance Account from Boarding and Razing Fees for the demolition of 163 (rear) Western Avenue. As a result of complaints received by the City Manager's Office, an investigation and subsequent demolition order was issued to the owner of this property. The building will be demolished with City monies and a lien placed on the property. It should be noted that the lot on which this structure is located is small with limited access. The demolition is complicated by the fact that the structure, although on a separate lot, is attached to a sound residence (separated by a fire wall) where the owner lives. Furthermore, the site is severely constrained such that extensive hand work will be required and hazardous materials (asbestos shingles) must be both removed and disposed.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/dls

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Appropriation of \$55,000 to the  
Inspectional Services Dept.

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In City Council,

Sept. 26, 1994

*Order adapted*

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