

COMMITTEE ON ZONING
RIVERSIDE ORGANIZING COMMUNITY

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TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL AND THE HONORABLE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE:

In June of this year, the Committee on Zoning of the Riverside Organizing Community wrote to you about errors we have found in the Zoning Map of the City of Cambridge. We called for the correction of these errors. We enclosed copies of the documents which created the zoning in question.

It is now five months later and we have not received a response. We must therefore, once again, demand that the zoning map be corrected to read in accordance with the votes of the Cambridge City Council creating and amending the zoning map, under General Laws, chapter 40A, section 5 (1984 ed.).

The following are the errors which we demand be corrected:

1. Errors associated with the Institutional Overlay District amendment passed by vote of the Cambridge City Council on June 22, 1981 (City Council petition):

The metes and bounds established by the city council for the Harvard, Radcliffe, Lesly District specifically excluded from inclusion that area bounded by Mount Auburn Street, Banks Street, Grant Street and DeWolfe Street. The map in distribution, however, shows these two blocks to be in the district.

The relevant paragraphs are 1.25, 1.26, 1.27, 1.28, 1.29 and 1.03.

2. Errors associated with the Massachusetts Avenue Downzoning adopted by the City Council on June 9, 1980 (La Tremouille petition):

- a. The zoning map shows 639 to 641 Green Street (assessors plat 121, lot 99) as zoned Business B-1. This lot was not included either in the original petition or in the change adopted by the city council, and thus was not changed from its pre-existing Residence C-1 zoning, the same as the other buildings on the north side of Green Street between this lot and Putnam Avenue.

Please note paragraphs 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.01 of part A of the amendment.

- b. 483-485 Green Street (assessors plat 119, lot 12) is shown as Residence C-1. Prior to the change the entire block bounded by Hancock Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Sellars Street, and Green Street was zoned Office 3. Changed by the amendment from Office 3 to Residence C-1 were all

the small buildings on the north side of Green Street east of Hancock Street and west of the massive structure numbered 872 Massachusetts Avenue. 872 Massachusetts Avenue runs to Green Street and exceeds in size even the very generous Office 3 zoning. 483-485 Green Street is part of the 872 Massachusetts Avenue Building It was not included in the zoning change.

Please note paragraphs 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 and 3.01 of the amendment.

Our letter was signed by Maureen Spofford for the committee. The City Clerk's records indicate that it was received by that office on June 19, which would be the same day it was received by the City Manager. It was transmitted to the City Council at the council's June 23, 1986, meeting. It is filed by the City Clerk as Ordinance Document 13 of 1986. We are crossreferencing you to our previous submittal in order to save the city the expense of reproducing the extended enclosures to our letter once again. At that time we provided both the City Council and the City Manager with copies of all the relevant documents.

Our review also noted an apparent error in the northeastern corner of lot 144 on assessors plat 130 (Peabody Terrace, the northernmost portion of the eastern edge on Putnam Avenue). The official map shows this corner as zoned Residence C-1, whereas the balance of the lot and of Peabody Terrace is zoned C-3. We have not researched the relevant documents, but the difference in zoning seems unlikely.

Your review, correction, and prompt response is once again requested. One month for turnaround was requested last time. Would two weeks be unreasonable after such a long wait? These errors are obvious. Please respond to the Zoning Committee, Riverside Organizing Community, care of

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November 21, 1986

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

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Comm. from Maureen Spofford on behalf of the Committee on Zoning of the Riverside Organizing Committee, requesting a response to their letter of June, 1986 with regard to errors in the Cambridge Zoning Map & calling for the correction of same.

In City Council,

December 8, 1986

Referred to City Manager
and
Community Development for
Report in 2 weeks

copy sent to the City Manager &
Community Development 12/10/86
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