

Back + put in box

MADAM MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, MY
NAME IS MRS. CUOCO, 1 SPERIDAKIAS TERRACE.

A FEW WEEKS AGO THERE WAS A FIRE AT 32-34 VALENTINE
STREET WHICH BACKS UP TO MY HOME ON SPERIDAKIAS TERRACE.

THE PROPERTY IS OPERATED BY AAA PLASTICS COMPANY AND OWNED
BY TED LANE, TRUSTEE OF TRIPLE A REALTY TRUST.

I GIVE YOU SOME OF THE BACKGROUND, FOR IT IS NECESSARY
TO SHOW THE LACK OF COMMUNITY CONCERN BY THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

THEREFORE, I START BY GOING BACK TO FEBRUARY 5, 1968
WHEN A REPORT WAS MADE BY MYSELF THAT THE TRAILER BACKED
UP TO 1-3-5 SPERIDAKIAS TERRACE CONTAINING PLASTICS, WHICH ARE
HIGHLY FLAMABLE, PARKED ON THE LOT AT 34 VALENTINE STREET IN
VIOLATION OF THE ZONING LAW.

I REPORTED THIS MATTER NOT JUST AS A VIOLATION, BUT TO
CORRECT A PROBLEM. I ALSO HAVE COPIES OF OTHER VIOLATIONS
REPORTED SINCE THAT TIME. THE CITY, AT THAT TIME, ONLY SENT
A NOTICE AND WHEN AAA PLASTICS FAILED TO MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS,

NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN.

THERE HAS BEEN A REPEATED NUMBER OF THESE VIOLATIONS REPORTED AND NEVER CORRECTED.

REPORTS ALSO THAT THE PROPERTY OWNED AND OPERATED BY AAA PLASTICS ON 160-166 PEARL STREET IS ALSO BEING USED IN VIOLATION OF THE ZONING LAWS, AND BEING IN VIOLATION OF THAT LAW THE OWNER APPEARS TO HAVE SET HIMSELF UP AS THE LAW, FOR HIS CONTEMPT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA BY FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ANY SAFETY STANDARDS.

REPORTS FILED WITH THE CITY , SHOW THAT VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED STARTING ON February 5, 1968 TO AUGUST 17, 1972, AND NO CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN ON ANY OF THE VIOLATIONS OR SARETY STANDARDS, CONSEQUENTLY, IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1973, A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE HAD A FIRE AT 32-34 VALENTINE STREET, A FIRE WHICH WAS RECORDED IN THE FIRE JOURNAL LASTING 69 HOURS.

A FIRE THAT GUTTED THE PLASTICS BUILDING AND ALSO INFLICTED
DAMAGE TO THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES, AND RELEASING
FROM THE FIRE ITSELF, TOXIC GASES WHICH COULD VERY WELL
HARM THE HUMAN BODY. *AS 42 FIREMEN WERE EFFECTED*

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DID NOT COME HERE
TONIGHT TO MAKE NOISE, GIVE A CAMPAIGN SPEECH, OR ASK FOR
SOMETHING THAT IS ABSURD OR RIDICULOUS .

WHAT WE ARE ~~ASKING~~⁶ IS THAT THE CITY ENFORCE THE LAW,
THAT IT HAS ON ITS BOOKS.

IF THAT BE DIFFICULT, TELL US AND WE WILL NOT WASTE
YOUR TIME NOR OUR OWN.

OUR HOMES ARE HERE AND WE WISH TO TAKE ALL THE
SAFEGUARDS FOR OUR PROPERTY AND OUR POSSESSIONS.

WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY MR. CORCORAN AND THE CITY
SOLICITOR THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO (2) DAYS , IF THE AAA
PLASTICS COMPANY HAS NOT REMOVED ITS OPERATION FROM PEARL
STREET, THAT THE CITY WILL JOIN WITH US TO FORCE THEIR REMOVAL.

I, THEREFORE, ASK THIS CITY COUNCIL TO GO ON RECORD
TONIGHT BY A RESOLUTION, TO ASSIST US IN THE ENFORCEMENT
OF THE ZONING LAW AS IT PERTAINS TO OUR AREA.

I THANK YOU FOR HEARING A COMMUNITY PROBLEM.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

LOCATION

341 Valentine St.

DATE

February 5, 1968

OWNER

A A A Plastics Inc

OWNER'S ADDRESS

COMPLAINT MADE BY

Neighbors

Mrs. Curran

Elm. 0007

COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS

1 Spriidakas Ter

SUBJECT

Box trailer on lot open to vandals
who are smoking & drinking inside

Backed up to 1-3-5 Spriidakas Ter.

REPORTED TO INSPECTOR

Spreng Kelley

MESSAGE TAKEN BY

Spreng

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Look up a week ago violation ARTIV sec#2 PAR F OF CAMBRIDGE
ZONING ORDINANCE; YOU ARE ORDERED TO REMOVE AT ONCE.

CERT MAIL

INSPECTOR

J. L. P.

DATE OF INSPECTOR'S REPORT

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December 2, 1969

A.A.A. Plastics Inc.
32 Valentino Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Attention: Mr. Ted Leno

Re: stores, 160-166 Pearl Street, Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

On inspection of a complaint at the above-listed property which is owned or controlled by you, I found that the stores are being used as a warehouse to store plastic materials. This area is zoned C-1. You are in violation of Article VI, Section 1, of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance.

You must remove this material out of the stores as soon as possible. Please let this office know when the stores are cleaned out.

Very truly yours,

Vincent L. Kelley
Building Inspector

VLK:rn

REGISTERED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DATE August 8, 1972LOCATION AAA Plastics, 32 Valentine Street, CambridgeOWNER Ted and Lillian Lane, Trustees of Triple A Realty TrustOWNER'S ADDRESS 32 Valentine Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02139COMPLAINT MADE BY Mrs. Mary M. Coughlin, President, Cambridgeport Residents UnionCOMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS 171 Allston Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02139SUBJECT Owner is in violation of the zoning ordinances in that
he is storing industrial equipment in a residential zone.

(For additional report, see attached)

Violation: Art IV Sec 2 par 7j Storage warehouse in Res C-
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REPORTED TO INSPECTOR

KELLEY

MESSAGE TAKEN BY

C.F.S.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

INSPECTOR

DATE OF INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Plant and Stores, 160 through 168 Pearl Street, are non-conforming use. Conversion of shops to storage was illegal (C-1 zone only permits residential, so to change from one non-conforming use to another requires a variance).

Storage of flammable materials:

- (A) Illegal in brick buildings due to lack of sprinklers;
- (B) Doubly dangerous in structures along Pearl Street due to no sprinklers and flammable construction in thickly settled neighborhood.

Deliveries and location of platform forces trucks to block the street to other traffic.

The block of stores on Pearl Street are in a bad deteriorating condition which is a drawback to the surrounding property including the Blessed Sacrament Church area.

Mary M. Conaghan
Rev. Joseph J. Burke

August 17, 1972

A.A.A Plastics
32 Valentine Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Attn: Ted and Lillian Lane
Trustee of Triplo A Realty Trust

Re: 32 Valentine Street and stores 160 to
168 Pearl Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir and Madam:

An investigation of a complaint of the above addresses owned or controlled by you reveals theirs being used as storage warehouses. This is in violation of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph 7J (storage warehouses in Res. C-1 Zone). Changing from one non-conforming use to another requires a variance. You must therefore appeal to the Board of Appeal for a hearing.

Storage of Flammable materials:

- (1) Illegally in brick building, 32 Valentine Street
lack of sprinklers.
- (2) Doubly dangerous in stores 160-168 Pearl Street,
there are no sprinklers.

This is a thickly settled neighborhood. We have received complaints from the Cambridge Residents Union and from the priest of the Blessed Sacrament Church area.

You are hereby ordered to make correction of these violations as soon as possible. You have seven (7) days from receipt of this letter to start making preparation toward corrections.

Very truly yours,

Vincent L. Kelley
Building Inspector

VLK:im
cc: Chief Mr. Gennino, Fire Dept.

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Prepared statement relative to Pearl-
Valentine Street fire.

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