

**City of Detroit**  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

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Deputy City Clerk

**DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

**To:** *The Department or Commission Listed Below*

**From:** *Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk*

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The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT    ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

**3884**    *Yolanda Bates, requesting investigation and return of easement in alley abutting property located at 14320 Camden Street.*

*Re Northern portion of the N/S Alley*

*Sanborn - 18vol - Pg. 89*  
*Carto - 65E - LVM - 548*

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# FAX TRANSMITTAL

## Office of the City Clerk

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Two Woodward Avenue, Suite 200  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
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*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

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**FROM:** *Ms. Kim Newby, Junior Assistant City Council Committee Clerk*

**SUBJECT:** *Petition #3884, Yolanda Bates, requesting investigation and return of easement in alley abutting property located at 14320 Camden Street.*

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**FAX TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT(S):**

Mr. Janac Stinson, Sergeant	Police Department	(313) 237-2823
Mr. Warren P. Palmer, Director	Planning and Development Department	(313) 224-1629
Ms. Willie Williams, Interim Director	Environmental Affairs Department	(313) 471-5139

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CITY OF DETROIT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

**Attachment**

2009 OCT -9 P 3:19

August 9, 2009

City Council of Detroit  
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Council Persons:

I have resided in the City of Detroit more than 65 years, leaving only to attend a historically Black college. As a longtime taxpayer, I am requesting your assistance in preserving the personal safety of my family and the value of my home at 14320 Camden Street, Detroit, Michigan.

In the spring of 2005, the City of Detroit, Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering, tore down the gates that closed the alley West of Chalmers between Camden and Hampshire streets. This alley is located next to my home at 14320 Camden Street, and has been closed and gated more than 30 years (1971). Additionally, Focus Hope has constructed a 10 foot fence next to my house which poses a safety and aesthetic hazard to our property. When the easement was gated and locked, I mowed and kept the easement clean and free of weeds and debris.

The aforementioned actions have caused the following problems for my family and devaluation of my property:

- Since removal of the gates and locks from the alley and construction of the 10 foot fence, we have had three (3) attempted break-ins and one successful break-in. All of my lawn equipment was taken: two lawn mowers, snow blower, two lawn edgers, paint sprayer, etc. The fence and tall weeds provide total coverage for illegal activity on my property.
- Focus Hope's garbage cans have attracted a myriad of rodents and animals to the easement, the alley, and my property. (When the easement and alley were gated and locked, I maintained the easement and kept it clean and free of debris for more than 25 years.)
- Grass and weeds are overgrown since the installation of the 10 foot fence which makes my property look unkempt. (Prior to the fence, I mowed and trimmed the foliage when I mowed and trimmed my lawn.)
- There is an increase of foot traffic, illegal garbage and trash dumping beside and behind my house. People are now using the easement and alley for dumping garbage and discarded mattresses since the city no longer has regular bulk pick-up service. I have even seen children gambling in the easement.
- The most horrifying and frightening experience for my family occurred recently. A dead body was found in the tall weeds and debris in a garbage can in the easement. Someone was able to dump that body without being detected because of the overgrown foliage and the 10 foot fence.

I am requesting the following:

- Return the easement to the status voted and approved by Common Council when the Royal Brothers lived in my house and the status of the easement when I purchased the home. Council never rescinded or officially changed that vote. Close the easement; put two (2) gates on each end; chain the locks; and I will maintain the easement as I have done for the past 25 years.
- Require Focus Hope to cut the 10 foot fence in half so that my property can again be viewed from Chalmers Street.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. As a taxpayer, I want to continue living and supporting Detroit.

Respectfully Yours,

Alonzo and Yolanda Bates

# Detailed Tax Information

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Parcel: 21055888-903

<b>Property Address</b> [collapse]	
9151 CHALMERS , 48213	
<b>Owner Information</b> [collapse]	
FOCUS HOPE 1355 OAKMAN BLVD DETROIT, MI 48238-2849	<b>Unit:</b> 01
<b>Taxpayer Information</b> [collapse]	
SEE OWNER INFORMATION	
<b>Legal Information for 21055888-903</b> [collapse]	
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10/19/2009

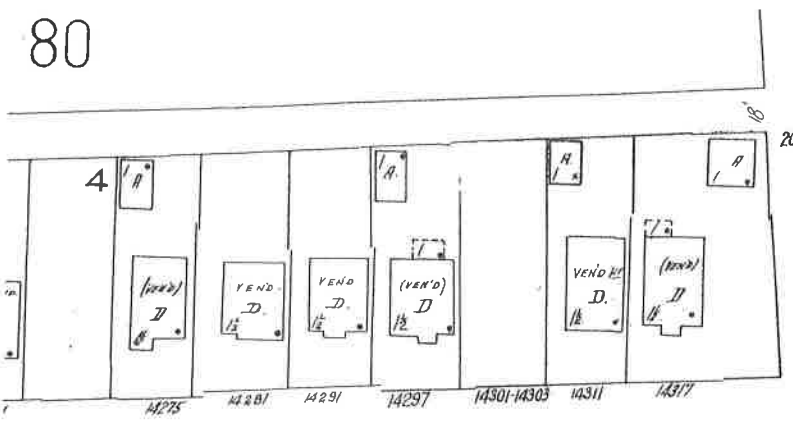


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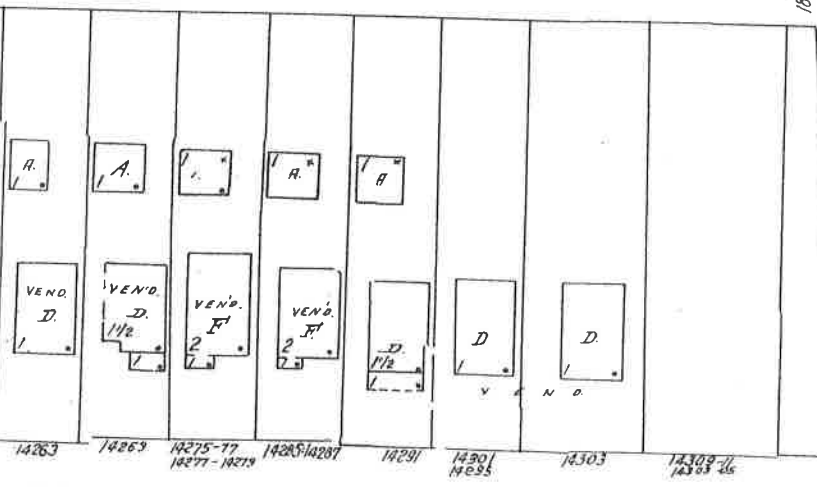
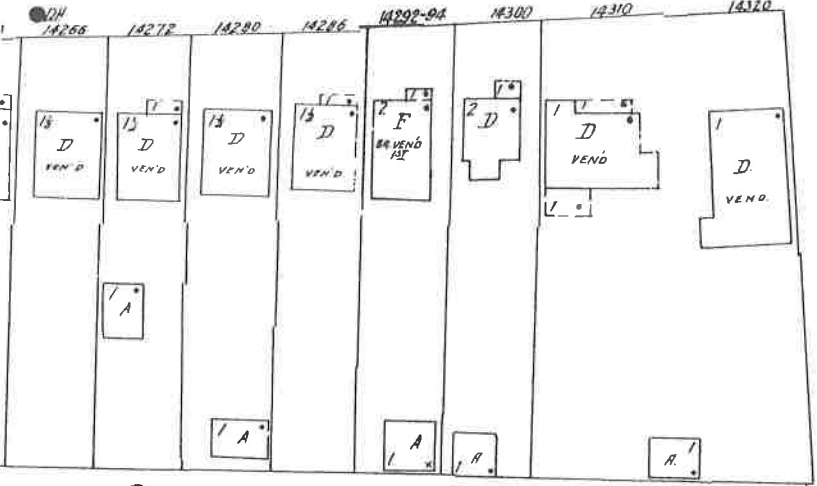
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2008, Winter	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00

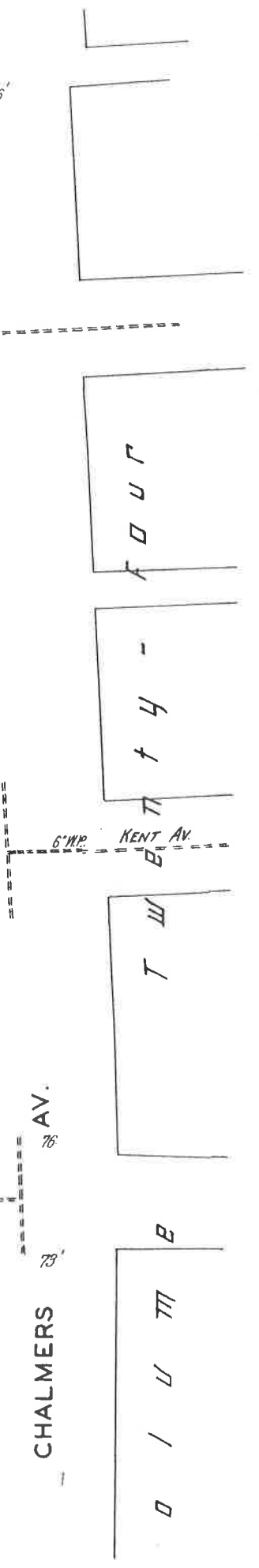
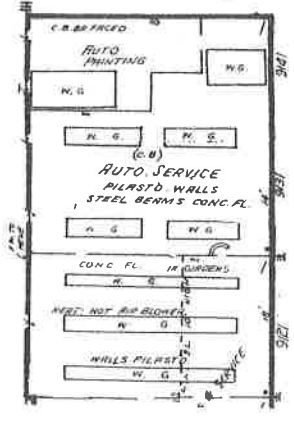
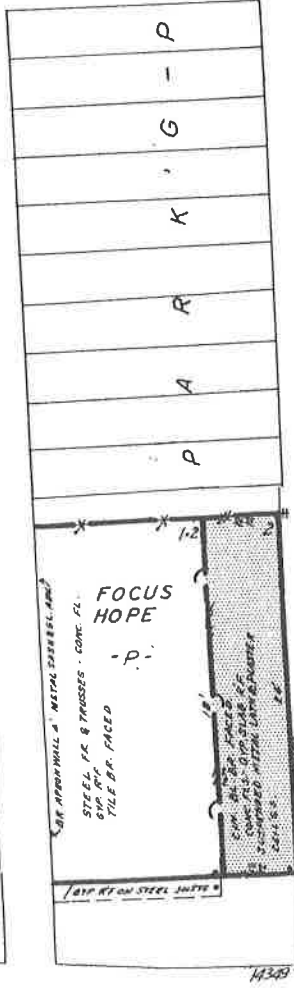
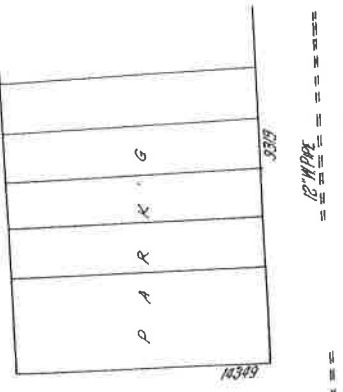
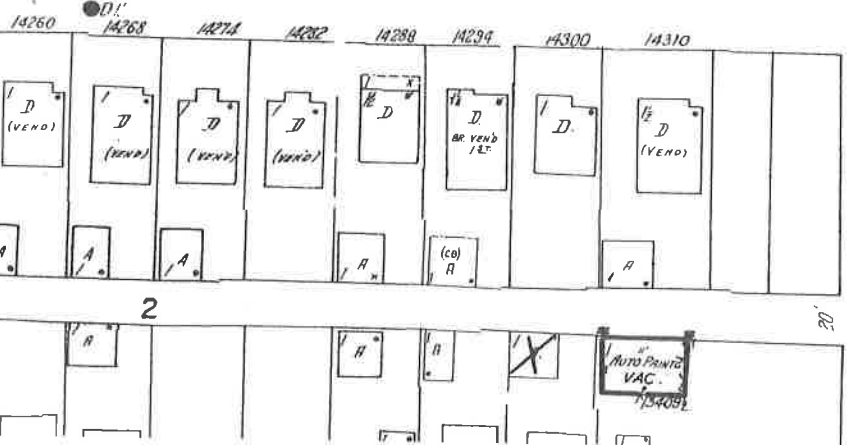
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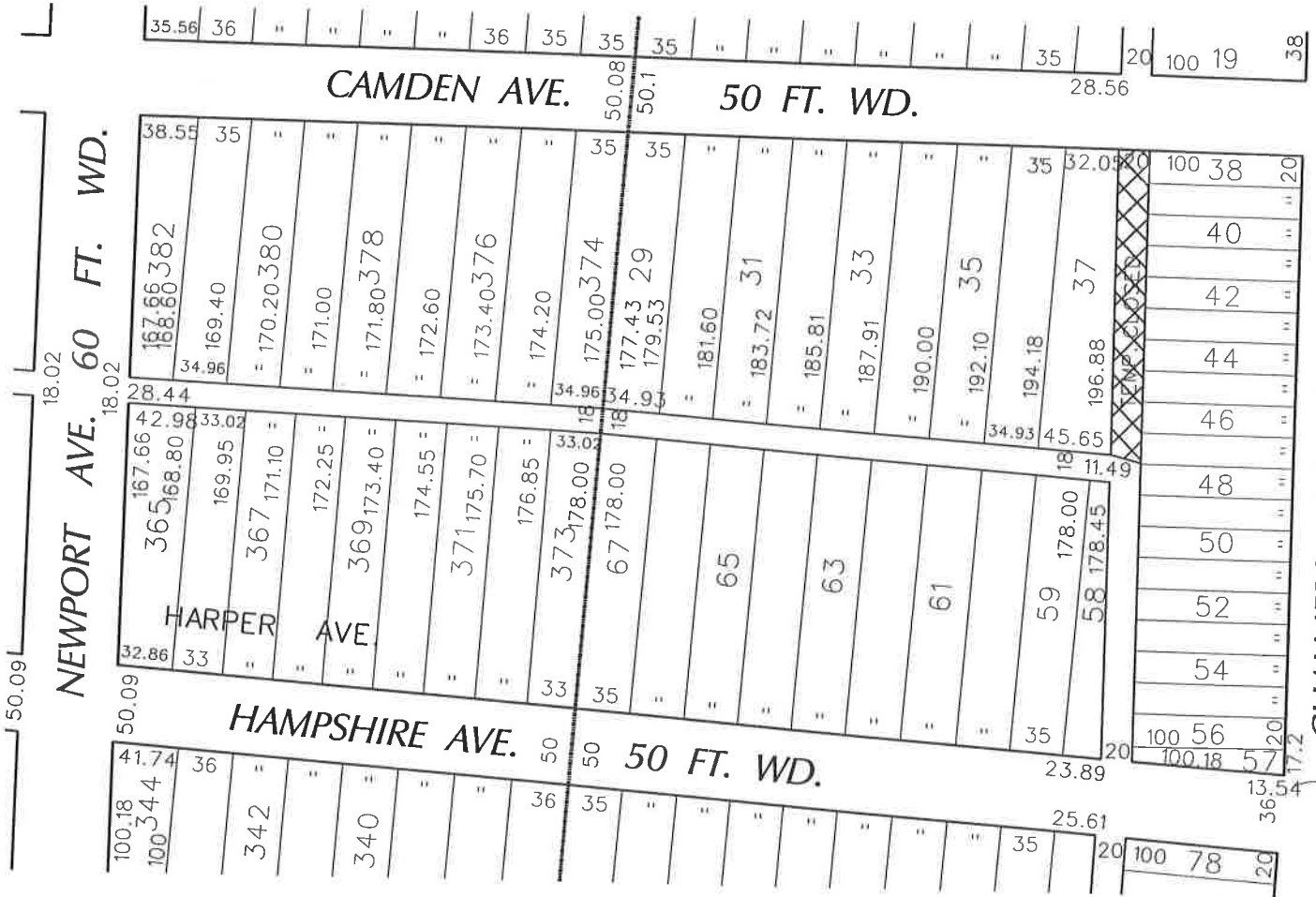
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 - AREA OF EASEMENT

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

CARTO 65 E

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DESCRIPTION	DRWN	CHKD	APPD	DATE	
REVISIONS					
DRAWN BY	KSM				CHECKED
DATE	10-20-09				APPROVED

REQUEST RETURN TO EASEMENT  
 NORTH PORTION OF N/S PUBLIC ALLEY  
 IN AREA BOUND BY  
 CHALMERS, HAMPSHIRE, NEWPORT  
 AND CAMDEN

CITY OF DETROIT	
CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	
SURVEY BUREAU	
JOB NO.	01-01
DRWG. NO.	X3884.dgn