## City of Detroit OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Janice M. Winfrey
City Clerk

Vivian A. Hudson Deputy City Clerk

## DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

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.

## DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

Richard and Maudine Martin, permission to keep boulders in herm at 19195 Cooley St. October 8, 2010

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City Council
2 Woodward Avenue #1340
Detroit, MI 48226-3441

RE: Request to remove boulders on berm area at 19195 Cooley St., Det. MI 48219

This letter is a petition in response to the letter dated above. The structural encroachment was created out of necessity to keep the appearance of my property. They were put in after several failed attempts to reason with my neighbor, Carolyn Felton at 19189 Cooley, Detroit, MI 48219.

Five years ago, the house was rented out to several families with small kids that blatantly destroyed my yard. I made verbal complaints to the occupants and to the landlord, to no avail. I resorted to extending my fence to alleviate this issue.

Within the last three years, the Ms. Felton (aka Niece Rigsby) has since taken up residence at the home. She has a home business with a high traffic volume of clientele that repeatedly drove onto my yard and damaged the grass. I again made verbal complaints that were ignored. I have repaired the yard several times without any financial contribution from my neighbor or her clientele. I resorted to smaller rocks to see if that would alleviate the continual damage to my yard. That too failed. I then redid my entire landscape which included the larger boulders on both sides of the yard. These have been in place to over two years. I have not had to redo my lawn within this period of time.

I have included pictures of my landscape for your review. I respectfully ask your permission to keep the boulders in place as they are apart of the entire landscape. I welcome any suggestions you may have to assist me in keeping my home respectful for the neighborhood. We have lived in our home for over 20 years and continue to be law abiding, tax paying citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration into this matter.

Respectfully,

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Richard and Maudine Martin

Cc: City of Detroit, Engineering Division 65 Cadillac Square, Suite 900 Detroit, MI 48226 Attachments enclosed City of Detroit Department of Public Works City Engineering Division 65 Cadillac Square, Suffe 900 Detroit, Michigan 48226 Phone 313-224-3949 Fan 313-224-3471 www.detroitmi.gov

DATE: October 4, 2010
TO: Martin, Maudine & Richard  19195 Cooley  Detroit, MI 48219
You are hereby notified to remove within twenty-four (24) hours, obstructions as noted below:
Boulders from the berm area, in the grass, near the street.
Your failure to comply with this notice will subject you to the penalties provided for in Section 50-2-6 of the Municipal Code, City of Detroit, and will make it necessary for this Department to remove the obstruction. The cost of such removal will be assessed against your property.  If you wish to initiate an encroachment, a petition can be made to City Council. To assist in processing the petition, copy may be sent to the City Engineering Division at the above address.  Sincerely,  Manilal Patel, P.E. City Engineer
By: Leslie Lord Telephone: (313) 224-3935  (Investigator)



## Niece Rigsby's Dressmaking

1 Hour on Most Alterations Cell: (313) 903-5857

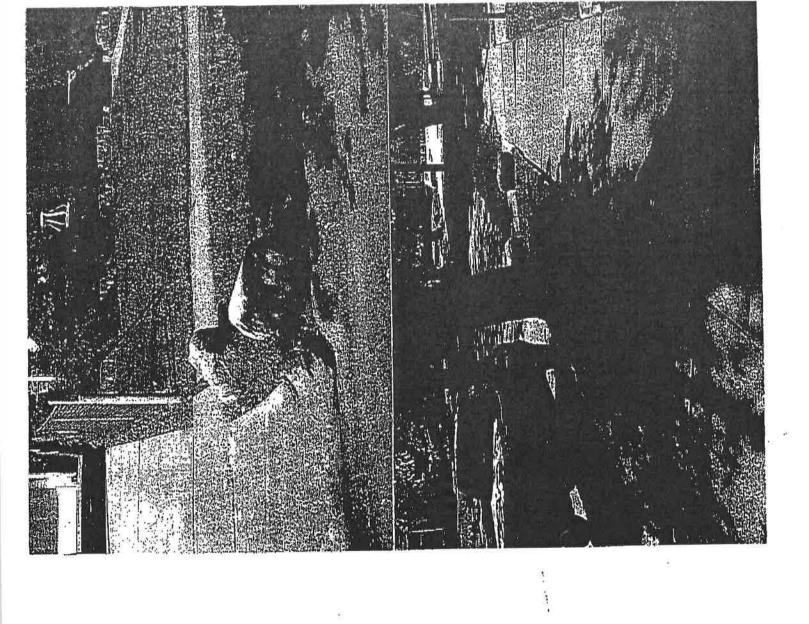
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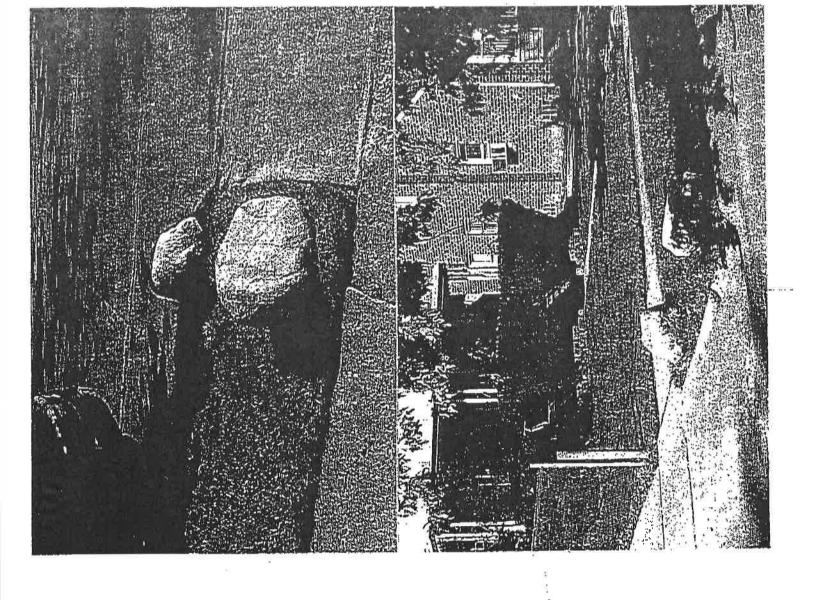


Niece Rigsby's Tailoring & Alterations

1 Hour On Most Alterations Cell: (313) 903-5657

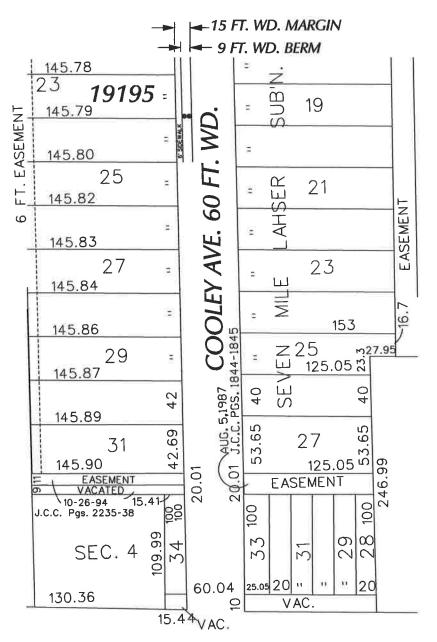
Work: (313) 255-6874





PETITION NO. 735 RICHARD AND MAUDINE MARTIN 19195 COOLEY AVE. DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48219





SEVEN MILE 105 FT. WD.



- AREA OF ENCROACHMENT

- (With two landscape boulders)

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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REQUEST TO ENCROACH
INTO COOLEY AVE. AT 19195 COOLEY
ON THE 9 FT WIDE BERM
WITH TWO LANDSCAPE BOULDERS

CITY OF DETROIT
CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
SURVEY BUREAU

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