

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

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**DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION**

*Wednesday, October 20, 2010*

*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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**DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION**

**735**     *Richard and Maudine Martin, permission to keep boulders in berm at 19195 Cooley St.*

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October 8, 2010

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,

  
*Richard and Maudine Martin*

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--CITY CLERK--

Richard and Maudine Martin

Cc: City of Detroit, Engineering Division  
65 Cadillac Square, Suite 900  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Attachments enclosed

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  
(Investigator)

Telephone: (313) 224-3935



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