



3 Charles River Square
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3 Charles River Square is a single-family residence. We received a violation notice dated March 21, 2023 parcel 502473000. The violation cited the installation of a video doorbell without the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission's approval. We are deeply apologetic for this misstep.

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BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

MAR 21 2023

NOTICE OF VIOLATION (FIRST NOTICE)

NOTICE REGARDING

Video Doorbell Violation

Parcel Number: 502473000

Address of Violation: 3 Charles River Square

Valued Community Member,

It has been brought to our attention that a video doorbell system has been installed at your property without the approval of the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission (BHAC). This work is in violation of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1955 of the Massachusetts General Law, as amended, which stipulates that the Commission has authority to review/regulate proposed alteration, construction, reconstruction, or demolition of any exterior architectural feature within the district that is "open to view from a public way," and requires that no such work may be undertaken without first securing a Certificate of



In reviewing the notice and researching options for *removal*, we looked at the district's guidelines for doorbell/intercoms. We are asking to keep the current doorbell installed, as is, with a minor modification. If the current design is not acceptable, we ask for a second alternative.





The current door bell was installed into the trim. The orientation of the device is angled to accommodate the wiring in the rear and allow for viewing who is at the door. The device is against the masonry behind the wood. We propose leaving the existing cover since it blends with the surround. The black crease slightly viewable along the perimeter would be painted to create seamless transition with the wood.

The second alternative is a bronze cover which is brass plated. However, we feel it this makes thing more conspicuous.

In research and testing, we found covering the entire face except for the three holes covers the speaker on the bottom impeding the operation of the device. This cover proposed permits all the functions with a decorative surround per district guidelines.

