



City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item #2

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~June 1, 1998~~
June 15, 1998

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR BORN
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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In City Council June 15, 1998.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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BOSTON NOTES

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In an attempt to lower the decibel level, and the aggravation, District 11 and the office of City Councilor Maureen Feeney have developed a plan called Turn Down the Music. Repeat car noise offenders will face the possibility of steep fines, car seizure, and loss of their driver's license.

Victims of loud car stereo noise are asked to call the community service office of District 11 and provide the registration number of the offending motor vehicle, the location of the disturbance, and the time it occurred. The office will send warning letters to the offending car owners for the first two reported incidents. If a third warning is issued, a court complaint will be filed.

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CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR REEVES ON JUNE 1, 1998
AND CARRIED OVER TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 15, 1998
DUE TO BEING OMITTED FROM THE CALENDAR OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF JUNE 8, 1998.

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Consent Order #60

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Councillor Davis re: Adopt program such as Boston's "Turn Down the Music" to protect neighborhood residents from loud car radios.

In City Council June 1, 1998

Charter Right exercised
by Councillor Reeves
on June 1, 1998 and
carried over to
the City Council
meeting of June 15, 1998
due to being omitted
from the calendar
of the City Council
meeting of
June 8, 1998.

6/15/98

ORDER ADOPTED