

TO: CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
c/o CITY CLERK

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City of Cambridge

Calendar Item Number #4

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 23, 1992

COUNCILLOR WOLF

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record requesting the License Commission to deny the application of Yoffa Company, Inc., doing business as Midas Muffler Shops, for an increase in its auto repair garage from four cars and keeping the storage of forty gallons of gasoline in tanks of cars only to seven cars and the keeping and storage of seventy gallons of gasoline in tanks of cars only at 2501 Massachusetts Avenue.

In City Council November 23, 1992.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

North Cambridge Stabilization Committee

July 24, 1997

Mr. Benjamin Barnes, Chairman
Cambridge License Commission
881 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: Yoffa Co., d/b/a Midas Muffler, 2501 Massachusetts Avenue

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Please be advised that the operators of Midas Muffler on North Massachusetts Avenue have been regularly storing and servicing vehicles in the three unlicensed garage bays at this location.

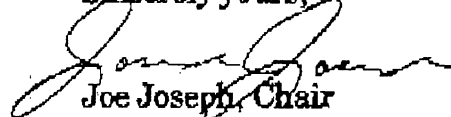
Although the Commission's staff notified the firm in writing several weeks ago that its preexisting garage and gasoline-storage license do not permit such activity, Midas has failed to cease its expanded operations.

Like the members of the License Commission who unanimously withheld the required garage permit in 1992, the Stabilization Committee continues to be concerned about the unaddressed safety hazards this enlarged garage creates for motorists and pedestrians—particularly the elders, children, and persons with infirmities who frequently traverse the obstructed sidewalks adjacent to the site. We also find it disturbing that this business has repeatedly ignored zoning laws and other city regulations governing safe use of the public ways.

We therefore ask the Commission to investigate this complaint, order an immediate halt to all unlicensed activities, schedule a disciplinary hearing, and impose appropriate penalties.

As always, the Committee appreciates your help in ensuring that the city's licensing regulations are respected and enforced so that the public's welfare is protected. I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Joe Joseph, Chair
20 Columbus Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02140

cc: Craig Kelley, Richard Clarey, Michael Brandon
Mayor Sheila Russell
Vice Mayor Kathy Born
Cambridge City Council c/o City Clerk
City Manager Robert Healy

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Communication was received from Joe Joseph,
Chair of North Cambridge Stabilization
Committee, regarding Midas Muffler
operation.

In City Council August 4, 1997

Referred to the
City Manager