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Cambridge City Council
Cambridge Mass

Dear Honorable Mayor
& Council

I have been a resident of this city for
43 years and my family before me since
1889,

I think we've been fair and dutiful
as for being citizens and tax payers.

However with the rising cost of living
your present Council and officers have
not been of the best value.

I live on a street that consists mostly
of City workers and this street is becoming
just too unreasonable to bare. My prop-
erty is a last lot on the street which
is always a building lot. So naturally
I have a registered deed and by insurance.

But this business of Utilities on the
street, ??? One would never suspect the
City has a set of Engineers Books.
These city workers most of them own

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single houses and they always can get for free the use of city equipment to change any of their utilities they please and when they please. The acid of it all is for all this is usually for free

or my big beef is, if it would cost me 250.00 just for a permit to dig in the street why in hell should your city workers be able to use four to five pieces of equipment and 15 men, noise up the neighborhood for a couple of days to change the ~~sewer~~ sewer connection into another sewer for a city worker for free.

For me to do this I had to apply to the city, hire a private contractor, get a lawyer also, ~~also~~ went to the Registry got a sewer stamp, increase my insurance then ended up in the Attorney General's Office to register this in Washington D. C.

I have a city accepted converted single house for a second toilet bowl I had to pay for all this. Why do City Workers over load and you allow them to do it. For THEM IT'S FREE WHY? Ruth E. Thompson
(over)

Is this what you consider freedom
or human rights, or civil rights.

My grandmother was not a citizen
but she believe in what I believe you only
earn what you work and pay for. That's
the only freedom you got. So I feel for all
this jazzy honor ~~in~~ being squeezed for
my dough.

Please retaliate on how I could
be come a crooked city worker. That's
the only civil rights left.

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Comm. from Ruth E. Thompson re: placing
of public works equipment on sidewalks
during various excavation jobs.

In City Council,

July 28, 1975

7/28/75
Referred to the
City Manager
for Report

Copies sent 7/29/75
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