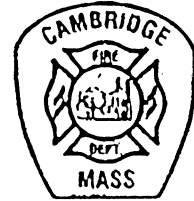




CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT
ISO Class 1 Department
HEADQUARTERS
491 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA. 02138

ATTACHMENT A



GERALD R. REARDON
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Memorandum

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: Chief Gerald R. Reardon
Re: Council Order #19 2/24/03

The Cambridge Fire Department has some regulations that are in fact more stringent than other cities and towns. Several are listed below

The Cambridge Fire Department has not issued any pyrotechnic permits for any indoor venue.

The Cambridge Fire Department does not allow open flames or candles in public occupancy areas. Candles may be used at functions such as weddings when the requesting party has a paid fire detail on duty, and the facility is appropriate for such use. This is an effort to fulfill personal, and or religious needs.

The Cambridge Fire Department does not allow the use of real Christmas tress, wreaths or garland in public occupancy due to the fire hazard it creates.

The use of propane is strictly regulated at public outdoor events, as are the use of open flames.

The Fire Department has been a partner with the License Commission, Inspectional Services in a task force that inspects licensed establishments weekly at random, or specifically when a compliant is received.

The Fire Department conducts numerous inspections throughout the year in assorted occupancies, such as schools, hospitals, hotels, nursing and health care facilities.

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City of Cambridge

O-19.

Amended Order

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 2003

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- ORDERED: That the order along with the City Manager's response be referred to the Public Safety Committee for follow-up.

In City Council February 24, 2003.

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy:

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.



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nightclubs are the area of concern. Capacity issues that were issued 20-40 years ago may not be applicable now. The License Commission addresses these sites. Inspectional Services inspects the health issues; the Fire Department inspects for safety.

Vice Mayor Davis asked how many private clubs are in Cambridge. Twenty-five responded Chief Reardon.

Mr. Barnes informed the committee that Chief Reardon is invaluable to the License Commission because of his expertise on public safety issues. Cambridge receives inquiries from other communities on its propane regulation, he said. The City meets with the clubs yearly. He explained that the Dance Complex is a site where safety is a potential issue. Lodging houses and dormitories have been added to the regulations.

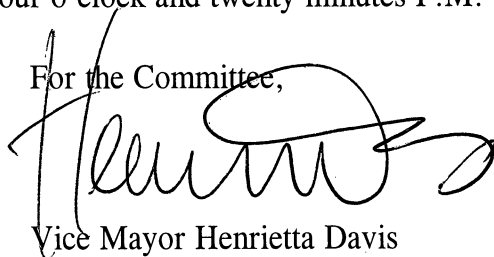
Vice Mayor Davis urged the Fire Chief to call upon the City Council to support legislation being sent to the State Legislature. Chief Reardon informed the committee that the Moakley Bill (#1359), relating to self-extinguishing cigarettes is coming before the Legislature.

The committee heard from Michael Brandon, 27 Seven Pines Avenue, who raised the issue of Ristorante Marino having a function room in the cellar. He was concerned with the use and the issue of overcapacity. The room was to be used for storage. He requested the Fire Department and the License Commission to check on this because there is a narrow staircase leading to the cellar and the only exit is through the kitchen. A safety inspection should be conducted, he said.

Vice Mayor Davis thanked all those present for their attendance.

The meeting adjourned at four o'clock and twenty minutes P.M.

For the Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henrietta Davis', written over a horizontal line.

Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis
Chair

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City of Cambridge

PUBLIC SAFETY

In City Council August 4, 2003

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor David P. Maher

Councillor Timothy J. Toomey

The Public Safety Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2003 at four o'clock and one minute P.M. in the Ackermann Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss nightclub safety issues.

Present at the meeting were Vice Mayor Davis, Chair of the Committee, Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, Michael Giacoppo, Superintendent of Police, Benjamin Barnes, License Commissioner, Gerald Reardon, Fire Chief and Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk. Also present was Michael Brandon, 27 Seven Pines Avenue.

Vice Mayor Davis opened the meeting and stated the purpose. This issue was referred to the Public Safety Committee due to the fire in Rhode Island. She asked Chief Reardon to review his report (**ATTACHMENT A**) in response to City Council Order Number Nineteen of February 24, 2003 (**ATTACHMENT B**) relating to nightclub safety.

Chief Reardon informed the committee that the Cambridge Fire Department does not give out pyrotechnic permits. The theatrical community disagrees with the position of the Cambridge Fire Department on this matter. Candles are allowed for religious reasons. A fire detail is required at hotels where candles are used for special occasions. This however, is only allowed at large venues and is not allowed in small venues. The Fire Department Regulations cover out to the middle of the Charles River. When in Cambridge, Cambridge rules are adhered to, but Cambridge does not propagate unreasonable rules concerning the use of propane.

Vice Mayor Davis asked what are the issues surrounding nightclubs. Chief Reardon stated that the issue is nightclubs that are grandfathered. New additions of 7,500 square feet are required to have sprinklers. Nightclubs with an upstairs and downstairs have been required to install a smoke detector system. There is no mechanism to force nightclubs to install a sprinkler system, he said.

Vice Mayor Davis asked about the exiting capacity of nightclubs. Chief Reardon responded that the life safety code has a formula for exit flow. The Inspectional Services Department enforces the exits. Vice Mayor Davis asked if there is an issue with exits. The issue is a violation of safety laws. Smaller grandfathered

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Committee Report #4

A communication was received from Donna P. Lopez, Deputy City Clerk, transmitting a report from Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, for a meeting held on June 26, 2003 to discuss nightclub safety issues.

In City Council August 4, 2003

**REPORT ACCEPTED
PLACED ON FILE**