

public outdoors on private property or on the adjoining sidewalk in a manner not to inconvenience the use of the sidewalk by pedestrians. The establishments are encouraged to identify such authorized litter receptacles as described in Section 8.24.020 of this chapter and the establishment shall cause the receptacles to be emptied regularly. (Ord. 1152 (part), 1993: prior code § 17-75)

8.24.040 Private property owners and occupants—Keeping premises and adjacent areas free of litter.

A. Maintenance of Private Property. Every owner or occupant of private property shall maintain his property free of any accumulation of litter, and shall prevent any litter from escaping to any other public or private property.

B. Maintenance of Sidewalks.

1. Every owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a public or private sidewalk or footway shall maintain such sidewalk or footway and the adjoining gutter to the center of the street free of litter.

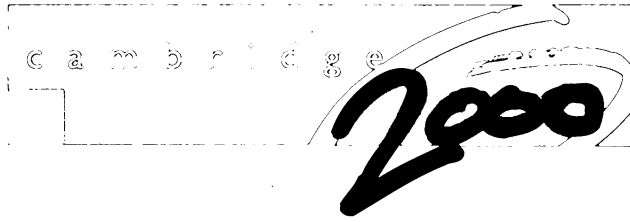
2. Every owner or occupant of private property shall cut and dispose of weeds in any yard area or vacant lot, or around any public or private property.

3. No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street, square or other public place the accumulation of litter from any building or lot, or from any public or private sidewalk, footway or driveway.

C. Litter From Commercial or Nonprofit Establishments.

1. Litter from commercial or nonprofit establishments shall not be thrown or deposited in any public litter receptacles by the owners, occupants, employees or agents of the commercial or non-profit establishments.

2. Commercial or nonprofit establishments may maintain authorized litter receptacles for the use of the general



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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June 12, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-26, regarding a report on the responsibility of City squares' cleanliness, Public Works Commissioner Ralph Dunphy reports the following:

City Ordinance 8.24.040 (attached) speaks directly to the responsibility of private property owners/occupants as it affects cleanliness of bordering sidewalks, gutters, and streets.

The Public Works Department has traditionally augmented litter pick up in the business areas of Harvard, Central, Kendall, Porter, Inman Squares, as well as Cambridge Street with mechanized street sweeping a minimum of twice a week. In addition, litter receptacles are emptied twice a day every weekday and three times a day on weekends.

The Public Works Department has also initiated a program to inform citizens and businesses of Cambridge about their responsibility in the cleanliness of their City. The "Keep Cambridge Clean and Green" campaign is focused on informing, educating and facilitating when necessary, the Cambridge Community as to the "Who, What, How and When" of maintaining the City free of litter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #7

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Relative to Aw Rpt. #00-26
regarding a report on the responsibility
of City Squares' cleanliness.

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