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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 53, regarding air conditioner usage as it relates to the Noise Ordinance, City Solicitor Russell B. Higley reports the following:

The City Council requested an opinion as to whether the use of air conditioners to create "white noise" at times when ordinary use of an air conditioner would not be necessary is a violation of the Noise Control Ordinance, Cambridge City Code Chapter 8.16. The noise ordinance does not discriminate for the most part among noises by purpose. If the air conditioner noise does not violate the noise limits in the ordinance when used for cooling, it does not violate the noise limits when used for "white noise."

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda Item # 5

Response to Awaiting Report Item Number *5-266*
Fifty-Three regarding air conditioner
useage as it relates to the Noise Ordinance.

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City Manager Request
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In City Council,

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