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July 7, 1987

Boston Doubledeckers, Inc.  
321 Washington Street  
Somerville, MA 02143  
ATTN: Robert S. Goodman, President

Dear Mr. Goodman:

At the City Council meeting held on June 29, 1987 the City Council was in receipt of recommendations to deny your petition for sightseeing bus tours in Cambridge from the Traffic and Parking Department and the License Commission.

The City Council accepted the recommendations of the Traffic and Parking Department and the License Commission and denied your request on a voice vote of nine members.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John E. Flynn  
Deputy City Clerk

--JEF/dl

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

RE: Application of Boston Doubledeckers, Inc., for Sightseeing  
Bus Tours in Cambridge, (filed May 7, 1987)

Please be advised that it is the unanimous recommendation of the License Commission Members and the Director of Traffic and Parking to deny the above described application on the two following grounds:

1. That the applicant's requested route covers residential areas, narrow streets, and streets with low tree branches and low wires, e.g., Shepard Street and parts of Garden Street, Putnam Avenue and Sparks Street; and
2. That the applicant has not provided evidence that its operation would fulfill a public need or would provide to the City a public convenience or other public benefit justifying the congestion, noise, and pollution increased in Cambridge by the operation of its buses.

It is further recommended that Boston Doubledeckers, Inc., be allowed to reapply without prejudice and that such reapplication be approved if the following two conditions are met:

- A. The routes and areas for pickup and discharge be essentially the same as that used by the existing sightseeing service, Old Town Trolley; and
- B. That the applicant demonstrate that the congestion, noise and pollution increased in Cambridge by the operation of its buses is reasonable and justified by the fulfillment of a public need or by the creation of a public convenience or other public benefit not now being fulfilled or created by Old Town Trolley, the taxicab industry, or other existing transportation modes.

Robert W. Healy  
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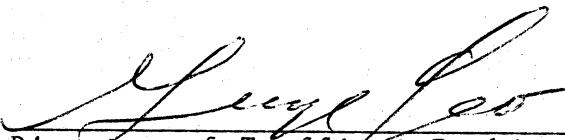
The underlying rationales for the foregoing recommendations are:

1. that sightseeing buses bringing shoppers to Cambridge promote the general welfare in the City, but
2. That the Cambridge city streets able to accommodate these buses are generally congested such that duplication of existing bus services should be discouraged.

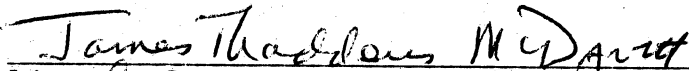
As a final matter, it should be noted that the City Council must vote on the above-described application by July 6th if that vote is to be meaningful. Massachusetts General Laws chapter 159A, Section 1, provides for an applicant's appeal to the State Department of Public Utilities if no action is taken on an application within (60) days after said application has been filed.

Please advise if there are any questions or comments.

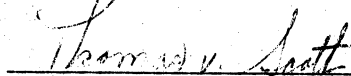
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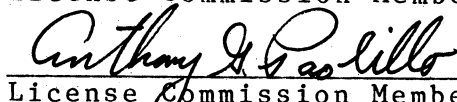
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cc: Boston Doubledeckers, Inc.  
321 Washington Street  
Somerville, MA 02143  
ATTN: Robert S. Goodman, President

May-6, 1987

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Office of the City Counselors  
City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Sirs:

Boston Doubledeckers, Inc. would like to petition the city counselors for sightseeing rights in the City of Cambridge. We have had many requests for tours through your city which we would like to accommodate.

Our proposed sightseeing tours would include, but not limited to, the following:

- \* Harvard Square - Harvard University
- \* Restaurants (including Ethnic)
- \* Shops - Street Entertainers
- \* Fogg Museum
- \* Busch Reisinger Museum
- \* Peabody Museum
- \* Longfellow's House

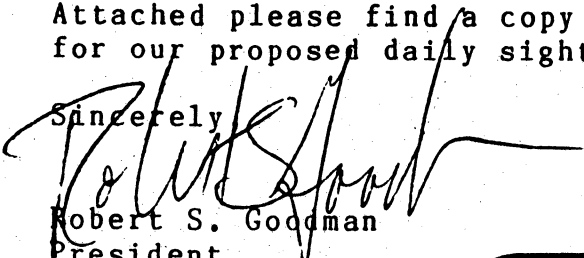
We would plan to run the fully lectured sightseeing tour every hour on a daily basis making scheduled pickups at the following locations:

- \* Howard Johnson Motor Lodge
- \* Royal Sonesta Hotel
- \* Quality Inn
- \* Sheraton Commander Hotel
- \* Charles Hotel at Harvard Square
- \* Embassey Suites Hotel
- \* Marriott Kendall Square

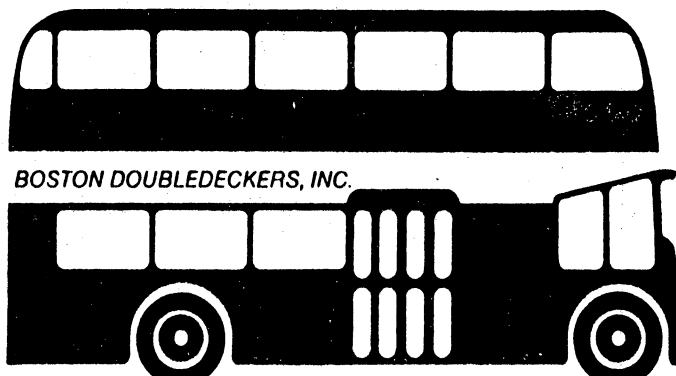
Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of assistance in answering any questions.

Attached please find a copy of all the public ways we would be using for our proposed daily sightseeing operation.

Sincerely,

  
Robert S. Goodman  
President

Enclosure  
RSG/sd

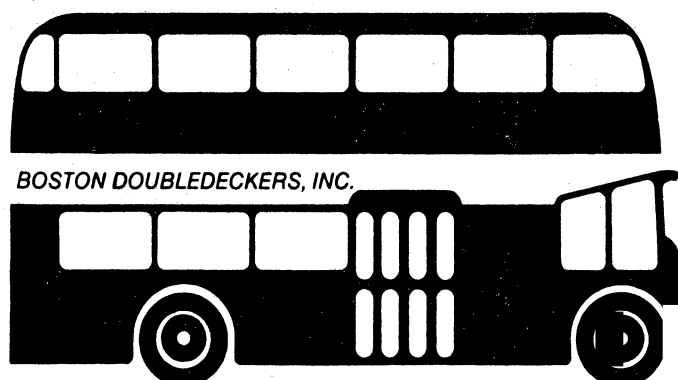


**BOSTON DOUBLEDECKERS, INC. 321 WASHINGTON STREET, SOMERVILLE MA 02143 TEL. (617) 4**

## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The City of Cambridge hereby issues to Boston Doubledeckers, Inc. of 321 Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, a license to operate motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 159 A, Section 1, upon the following public ways in the City of Cambridge.

- On Boston University Bridge to Memorial Drive. (MDC approval pending)
- On Memorial Driver between BU Bridge and Amesbury Street. (MDC approval pending)
- On Amesbury Street between Memorial Driver and Vassar Street. (MDC approval pending)
- On Vassar Street between Amesbury Street and Massachusetts Avenue.
- On Massachusetts Avenue between Vassar Street and Shepard Street.
- On Shepard Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Garden Street.
- On Garden Street between Garden Street and Brattle Street.
- On Brattle Street between Mason Street and Sparks Street.
- On Sparks Street between Brattle Street and Mt. Auburn Street.
- On Mt. Auburn Street between Sparks Street and University Road.
- On University Road between Mt. Auburn Street and Bennett Street.
- On Bennett Street between University Road and Elliott Street.
- On Elliott Street between Bennett Street and JFK Street.
- On JFK Street between Elliott Street and Mt. Auburn Street.
- On Mt. Auburn Street between JFK Street and Putnam Avenue.
- On Putnam Avenue between Mt. Auburn Street and Western Avenue.
- On Western Avenue between Putnam Avenue and Western Avenue Bridge.





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ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

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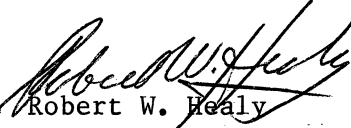
Deputy City Manager

June 29, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to communication received by the City Council, from Robert S. Goodman, President of Boston Doubledeckers, Inc., requesting permission for sightseeing rights in the City of Cambridge, I transmit herewith a self-explanatory communication received from the License Commission which is also signed by the Director of Traffic and Parking.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/b

Re: request of Boston Doubledeckers, Inc. for  
permission for sightseeing rights in Cambridge.

7/7/87 - petitioners notified  
of denial

In City Council,

June 29, 1987

Order Adopted  
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