

February 23, 1985

A PETITION OF THE BELLIS CIRCLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
TO THE CAMBRIDGE BOARD OF LICENSING COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE
LIQUOR LICENSE OF "THE PATRIOT PUB," A BAR DOING BUSINESS IN
NORTH CAMBRIDGE AT THE CORNER OF SHERMAN STREET AND BELLIS
CIRCLE

We, the undersigned, residents of Bellis Circle, earnestly petition the Liquor Commission to close the bar at the corner of Sherman Street and Bellis Circle currently known as "The Patriot Pub." Since October, 1984, when the present owners assumed operation of the bar, residents have been subjected to a series of alarming and unsettling incidents, culminating in the wanton shooting, with an automatic firearm, of two vehicles owned by Mr. Abbott Lahti of 56 Bellis Circle, an adjacent property, in the early morning hours of February 22, 1985.

This shooting is only the latest, and most appalling, example of the bar's degrading influence on, and disruption of, the life of the surrounding community. In the last five months, since the bar changed ownership, neighbors have repeatedly complained of:

- patrons urinating on residential sidewalks, along fences, and on other property
- patrons discarding bottles, cans, and other debris onto neighbors' yards and over their fences
- the suspicious influx of patrons to "The Patriot Pub" after the normal closing hours of other liquor-serving establishments in the area
- frequent arguments, altercations, and other rowdy behavior outside the premises as late as 3 and 4 a.m.
- the persistent and illegal parking of numerous cars--belonging to bar patrons--on Bellis Circle and the sidewalks of Sherman Street
- the growing concern--now shared by members of The Cambridge Police force--that "The Patriot Pub," and its immediate vicinity, is the site of illegal drug transactions

Bellis Circle is a small, tightly-knit community of home-owners that includes many children and elderly. As a result of this latest shooting incident--which we fear is a reprisal of previous complaints against "The Patriot Pub"--we, the residents of Bellis Circle, petition you to take immediate action to rectify a dangerous situation. Conditions at the bar which we once viewed as disruptive we now regard as a direct threat to our personal safety and the security of the neighborhood. In short, we see no alternative but to insist that you close "The Patriot Pub" without further delay.

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City of Cambridge

(Amended Order #22)

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 1985

MAYOR RUSSELL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the License Commissioners to hold a hearing with reference to the allegations of disruptions to the Sherman Street-Bellis Circle neighborhood and that such owner of the Patriot Pub show just cause as to why their license should not be suspended or revoked; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Mayor's Office be notified regarding the hearing, in order that the neighborhood may be notified.

In City Council February 25, 1985.
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of
9 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.



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Order # 22 F-59

Mayor Russell order re: License Commission
hold a hearing regarding allegations of
disruptions to the Sherman St.-Bellis
Circle Neighborhood by the Patriot Pub.

2/25/85

Hearing Held
Under Suspension
of the Rules to
Keep From Residents
Prior to Adoption.

In City Council,

February 25, 1985

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Order Adopted
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