



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 3, 1991

COUNCILLOR WALSH

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ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate personnel to examine the referenced activities which prompt this complaint and determine whether these activities and their consequences are in full compliance with existing city ordinances; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this investigation by June 24, 1991.

In City Council June 3, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

Ron Kalman
1200 Mass. Ave., Apt. 31E
Cambridge, MA 02138

May 15, 1991

491-3328

William H. Walsh
26 Hurlbut Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Mr. Walsh,

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I work Monday through Friday, eight hours a day. The weekends are essentially the only time I can expect to relax and hope to enjoy the comfort of my apartment. However, the incessant drumming has made this impossible. I can no longer read, sleep, watch t.v. or use my apartment for any manner of relaxation. I am continually forced to flee my apartment and wander the streets aimlessly just to escape the "music."

I am in favor of people expressing themselves musically or otherwise. However, I also believe that it is necessary for people to be able to enjoy the privacy of their homes or apartments. The drumming is as serious an intrusion into my life as if someone physically came into my apartment and proceeded to take the place over.

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Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the Cambridge City Council; Cambridge Arts Council.

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CONSENT

F-327

Councillor Walsh re: noise emanating
outside a business on Arrow Street.

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Order Adopted