



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Date August 6, 1987

From Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

Reference

Subject Requests for report

Please be reminded that the City Council has requested a report relative to the communication from Robert J. LaTremouille regarding the height of residential construction in Business A zoning districts.

Furthermore, the City Council has referred for your review and action Communication No. 13 relative to a request for a permit for a non-alcoholic Oktoberfest to be held on Sunday, October 11th, 1987.

Furthermore, the City Council has referred to you for report Communications 25 relative to alleged hazardous waste at the premises numbered 151 Putnam Avenue and No. 26 from William S. Noble.

Also, the City Council has referred to the Animal Commissioner Communication No. 32 relative to current animal control laws regulating pit bulls. Please be reminded the City Council has scheduled a public hearing on this matter for Monday, September 14, 1987 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and has requested the City Solicitor and Animal Control Officer to be present.

Finally, the City Council has referred Communication No. 35, relative to Carl Barron's concern regarding the rubbish and garbage at 580 Massachusetts Avenue.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

To the Honorable; the City Council:

For the past two days and into the nights, people in uniforms have been watering grass and plantings on private property with city water from the fire station in Central Square. They snake a hose out the window of the fire house and move a lawn sprinkler around.

The grass and plantings belong to MIT and Forest City Enterprises, corporations presumably wealthy enough to afford their own water and gardners. Earlier a Forest City contractor had been connecting up to City fire hydrants, and he didn't use a meter.

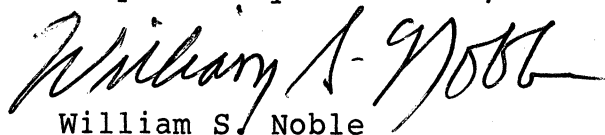
In this dry weather, if the Fire Department has a new watering program, I am sure many Cambridge residents would like to know about it and participate. My yard is very dry.

Could it be that I'm behind the times in keeping up with the double standard in this city -- one set of rules for developers and big corporations, another for residents and neighborhoods?

My old-fashioned view is that either this service ought to be open to all Cambridge residents or this City Council should make sure that the time of uniformed personnel and the cost of city water are billed to Forest City.

The practice should be stopped forthwith. This is not why we pay a fire department.

Respectfully submitted,


William S. Noble

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Comm. from William S. Noble Re: uniformed
individuals watering grass & plantings on
private property from the Fire Station in
Central Square.

In City Council,

August 3, 1987

*Referred to the City
Manager for Report
on 9/14/87*

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