



# City of Cambridge

74.  
Amended Order

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 1997

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
VICE MAYOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
MAYOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The 287 Harvard Street Condominium Trust has informed the City Council that the Cambridge License Commission did not notify the Trust of a hearing to change the license of the property at 288-290 Harvard Street to a licensed hotel; and

WHEREAS: The 287 Harvard Street property is located directly across the street from the proposed new hotel and, therefore, its residents have a vital interest in the impacts of a new use; and

WHEREAS: The granting of a license for a hotel at 288-290 Harvard Street dramatically and negatively affects the quality of life of residents of 287 Harvard Street and their neighbors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby requests the City Manager to request the License Commission, if these facts are correct, to determine whether its policies of notifying the public are sufficiently comprehensive and inclusive; and further be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager request the License Commission to review and revise its policies as necessary to assure that the affected public is fully notified of all matters and hearings pending before the Commission.

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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



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Council Resolution for the Meeting of August 4, 1997 submitted  
by Councillor Duehay

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To: Robert Healy, City Manager, and City Councilors  
From: Maxine Schuster and Marshall Shatz, Trustees,  
287 Harvard Street Condominium Trust  
Re: Board of Zoning Appeal Hearing  
Date: July 7, 1997

When a whole residential neighborhood will be affected by the opening of a commercial hotel, a well-publicized process should be followed that allows for neighborhood input. This has not been the case with regard to the hotel under development at 288-290 Harvard Street. And the Harvard Street downzoning proposal which was unanimously accepted has become meaningless in light of this. Our 53-unit condominium building with a majority of owner-occupants is located across the street, and our driveway is directly across from their driveway. Yet we were not invited to the license hearing.

We were witness to a disgraceful travesty on June 26, 1997 at a Board of Zoning Appeal hearing which was abruptly stopped by the hotel owners' attorney. The disallowance of the appeal because the plaintiffs are not adjacent abutters is outrageous. The whole neighborhood will be affected. We are grateful that neighbors have taken the time and effort to research the situation, especially when we have not had a public forum for airing our concerns but only a fragmented set of hearings that most people do not even know about.

Our experience at the hearing has served to reinforce our solidarity in trying to preserve our neighborhood. We do not believe that the hotel's owners have acted in good faith with the neighborhood.

We urge you to address this situation before it becomes too late.



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Born, Davis, Gallucci, Reeves, Russell  
Consent Order #74 *Sullivan + Triantafyllou*

Councillor Duehay re: Notification  
process for a hearing to change *S-432*  
the license of the property at  
288-290 Harvard Street to a  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**

*As Amended*