



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager

DATE: June 21, 1991

FROM: Perry L. Anderson, Jr., Police Commissioner

REFERENCE:

SUBJECT: City Council Order # 18 of 6/10/91

In response to City Council Order # 18 of 6/10/91 regarding security issues at the Manning Apartments, a meeting was held on Tuesday, June 18, 1991 with Mr. Dan Wuenshel of the Cambridge Housing Authority.

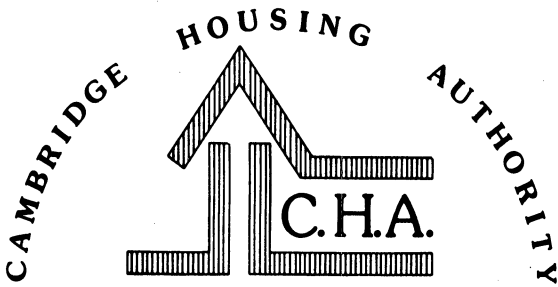
The person on duty at the entrance of Manning Apartments is an elderly resident who is a volunteer security observer. The entrance door is supposed to be locked and a key is required to gain entrance to the building. The security person is instructed to not confront anyone and is able to pick up a telephone with a direct ring-down to the Communications Room at the Police Department if the situation warrants.

A review of the Police Department records indicates, in calendar year 1991, seven (7) breaking and enterings and two (2) assault and batteries have been reported.

The Housing Authority states they are unable to hire full time security personnel. The problem appears to be the lack of control of keys to the entrance. The keys, if stolen or misplaced, are easily duplicated. A recommendation would be to convert the entry lock to a "Seven Pin" key. This security key is difficult to duplicate and may ease some of the concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Perry L. Anderson, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

Perry L. Anderson, Jr.
Police Commissioner



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Daniel J. Wuenschel, Executive Director
Cambridge Housing Authority

RE: Council Order #18 dated 6/10/91
Security issues at Manning Apartments

DATE: August 27, 1991

Based on the recommendation of Commissioner Anderson, the CHA will install a "seven pin" lock for the entry door. This work will be done in conjunction with the replacement of the main entry with a door which will afford easier access to physically handicapped individuals. The work should be completed within 30 days from this writing.

Keys for the new "seven pin" lock will be more difficult to duplicate. Each key issue will be stamped "DO NOT DUPLICATE". One key will be issued to each legal member of the household.

Any additional keys will require pre-approval by the CHA and will be issued only for medical or family reasons. Each recipient of an extra key will be required to sign for same, listing address and phone number.

We feel that these measures will result in greater security for the residents of the Manning Apartments.

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 1991

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COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: There have been several recent incidents where intruders have gained entrance to the Manning Apartment Building causing elderly residents to fear for their safety and valuables; and

WHEREAS: Security in the buildings which house our elderly is sometimes not as efficient as it should be; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Police Commissioner to confer with the Cambridge Housing Authority to devise a system whereby the person who is on duty and in charge of security may require some ID or require an intercom check with the residents before gaining entrance to the building. This method of checking entrants to various buildings is used successfully in other cities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible.

In City Council June 10, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

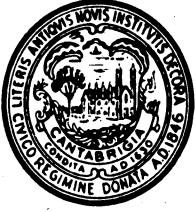
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ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

September 16, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 32, regarding security issues at the Manning Apartments, please find attached a response from Police Commissioner Perry Anderson, as well as Daniel J. Wuenschel, Executive Director of the Cambridge Housing Authority, concerning the matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachments

Consent Agenda # 158-973

Awaiting Report Item Number 32 regarding
security issues at the Manning Apartments.

In City Council,

Sept. 16, 1991

Placed on file