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Dog Officer,

Called about unleashed dogs on 4-29-85. ~~W60~~ wouldn't even take a list of complaints. Your lack of an appropriate complaint procedure for listing and follow up on complaints characterizes gross negligence and should be corrected.

I am not the only one being put off. Another woman in the neighborhood also stated that you refused to come out on calls about irresponsible owners who do not obey the law. The response of this City about complaints is only anesthetizing responsible citizens. Get the Message- Don't call.

A male voice, chances are you, on 4-29-85 asked "What do you want me to do about the dog". The response is tantamount to imbecility. The City has successfully listed part of your job responsibilities on the dog license. SIMPLE - Read it and follow through on it.

You stated that you must see the offense before issuing a ticket. No where on the dog license does it state such a rule or procedure. Every other crime in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a reportable crime and can be prosecuted in the Courts by a witness to that crime. Therefore, any law implicitly implies that it is a reportable offense that can be acted on by a law enforcement agency or a subsidiary thereof. If it was not physically possible to report on a law, it would not be a law. No acting body can make a law for the first time that does not inherently provide for reporting and enforcement. Any body ( City Council) that explicitly prohibits such activity automatically negates that phrase but does not of necessity negate the law. Law is based on intent. The only reason under which you cannot accept or act on a reported offense is if you had just reason to believe that the body(City Council) that passed the law did so with guns pointed at every City Councilor. Otherwise, the intent of the law is clear.

Read the above as many times as you find necessary until you understand it. Essentially, your demand that you see the crime is not applicable or truthfull. Nevertheless, I have provided pictures of crimes. This should show how exasperated I am ~~to~~ provide something that is not even needed.

The City Manager it is stated in the Tab newspaper whitewashes fines on dog offenses. What does he want to do with this fine?

The grey poodle like dog pictured is let out of the house twice every day unleashed and barking. From Jan. 1985 - June 1985 would amount to 180 days.

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| Unleashed | \$10.00 1st offense                      |
|           | 25.00 2nd "                              |
|           | 50.00 3rd                                |
|           | \$8,850.00 subsequent days at 50.00 each |

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| Pooper Law | 10.00                                       |
|            | 25.00                                       |
|            | 50.00                                       |
|            | \$8,850 .00 subsequent days at \$50.00 each |

Barking 18,000.00 \$50.00 x 180 days *calculated at 75.00 each day*

Total outstanding fines equal \$35,870.00. This is only for one dog.

The City and the City Manager can be gotten for gross negligence, defrauding the public and irresponsibility in collecting fines etc. I do not know what the total outstanding fines or imprisonment for city members would amount to.

There are many loose dogs in the neighborhood. I walk my dogs out of the city at night. I have now left the neighborhood in the morning and walk over at Longfellow park where there is a sign about leashing dogs. So far there have been two women with unleashed dogs in the park. Both called their dogs when I referred to the sign. Neither, however, leashed their dogs. One of the women was seen on a following day walking toward Longfellow house with her unleashed dog. People also walk their dogs loose on Brattle St. This would appear to be a City wide problem.

It is time that you decide to act. He who hesitates is lost.

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Copy to: City Manager  
Cambridge City Council

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Comm. from Althea Buckley, 83A Wendell St.,  
transmitting a copy of a letter she sent to  
the Animal Commission Re: a complaint she  
made on April 29, 1985 regarding unleashed  
dogs.

*copy sent to the City Manager 8/8/85  
mh*

In City Council,

August 5, 1985

*- Placed on File -*

*Referred to  
the  
City Manager.*