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ARTICLE I. OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY.

Sec. 13-1. Defacing public property.

No person shall paint or draw any words or figures, or post any written or printed matter, upon the property of any person, without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof, nor upon any property of the City, without the consent of the City Manager.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §5.)

Sec. 13-2. Injuring or destroying public property.

No person shall injure, deface or destroy any guide-post or guide-board, any lamp-post, or lamp, or lantern thereon; or any street, building, fence, post or other thing, set, erected or made for the use or ornament of the City.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §11.)

Sec. 13-3. Street lamps.

No person shall light or extinguish, without authority any public lamp in any street.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §13.)

ARTICLE II. OFFENSE AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH.

Sec. 13-4. Drinking fountains.

No person shall place in any drinking fountain, trough or basin of water, set up or established in any street in the City, for the use of man or beast, any dirt, stone, ashes,

rubbish, offal, filth or any other foreign matter, or unnecessarily waste or use the water thereof.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §7.)

ARTICLE III. OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC MORALS.

Sec. 13-5. Disorderly conduct, profanity and insulting language.

No person shall behave himself in a rude or disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any street or public place. No person shall make or cause to be made, any unnecessary noise or noises in any public street, private way or park, so as to cause any inconvenience or discomfort for the inhabitants of the City.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §6 as amended by Ord. No. 502, June 27, 1955.)

Sec. 13-6. Gaming.

No person shall expose, in or upon any street, public ground or common, any table or device of any kind, by or upon which any game of hazard or chance can be played; nor shall any person play any such game at such table or device, in or upon any street, public ground or common.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §9.)

Sec. 13-7. Peeping and spying.

No person other than an officer of the law acting in the performance of his legal duty shall enter upon the premises of any person with the intention of peeping into a dwelling or

spying upon any person therein.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §14.)

Sec. 13-8. Swimming.

No person in a nude state shall swim or bathe in any waters within the City, so as to be exposed to the view of passengers or other persons in any street or house within the City.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §16.)

Sec. 13-9. Loitering in street.

No person shall saunter or loiter in a street in such a manner as to obstruct or endanger travellers or in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace or incite to riot; but nothing in this Section shall be construed to curtail, abridge, or limit the right of any person to exercise the right of peaceful persuasion guaranteed by Section 24 of Chapter 149 of the General Laws or to curtail, abridge or limit the intendment of any statute of the Commonwealth.

(Ord. No.741, May 24, 1965.)

ARTICLE IV. OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE.

Sec. 13-10. Unreasonably loud noises.

(a) No person in any public street shall sound any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, street car or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal; no person shall sound any horn or signal on any such

vehicle while in motion, except as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time; provided that any such noise shall be plainly audible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

(b) No person in any public street shall ring a bell, gong or automobile horn between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., except as a warning of danger.

(c) No person shall use any automobile, motorcycle, street car or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or in such manner as to create loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise; provided that any such noise shall be plainly audible at a distance of one hundred (100) feet.

(Ord. No. 277, June 12, 1950.)

Sec. 13-11. Radios, phonographs and loud speakers.

No person shall operate a radio, phonograph or loud speaker to the disturbance of the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the City.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §15.)

ARTICLE V. OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY.

Sec. 13-12. Bows, arrows and air-guns.

No person shall shoot with or use a bow and arrow or air-gun in a street, or upon or from any bridge.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §2.)

Sec. 13-13. Clubs and bludgeons.

No person shall have in his possession a club or bludgeon, on any street, with intent to use the same in a sport, sham-fight or strife, or to intimidate any person or horse.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §3.)

Sec. 13-14. Curfew.

(a) No minor under sixteen (16) years of age shall be upon any street, highway, park or other public way or place in the City after 9:30 P.M. of any day unless:

(1) He is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult person, or

(2) He is returning with reasonable speed from employment, from the performance of some duty or from a supervised group event conducted by a church or by a social agency with, in either case, permission from his parent or guardian.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §4.)

Sec. 13-15. Firearms.

No person shall, except in the performance of some legal duty, discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm, within the City limits.

(G.O. 1943, Ch. 19, §8.)

Sec. 13-16. Ball playing; missile throwing.

No person shall play ball or throw a stone or other missile in any street, or upon or from any bridge.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §17.)

Sec. 13-17. Toy pistols, rubber slings, etc.

No person shall have in his possession a toy pistol, crotch, rubber sling, or other device for throwing missiles of any kind, with intent to use it to the injury of persons or property, or to the annoyance or discomfort of any person, upon the street.

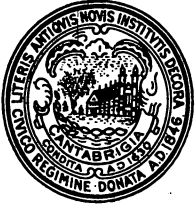
(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, §18.)

ARTICLE VII. PENALTY.

Sec. 13-18. Penalty for violation.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each offense.

(G.O. 1943, Ch.19, Parts of §§ 4 and 10.)



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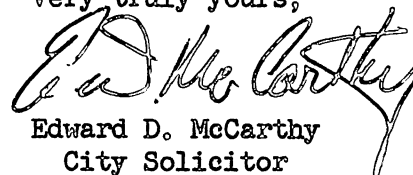
To The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Councillors:

Your order of January 13, 1975 requests an amendment to the Ordinances relative to illegal posting of signs and other printed matter.

I am enclosing copies of Sections 13-1 thru 13-18 which seem to adequately cover this situation. Perhaps some further publication of these Ordinances would enhance their enforcement.

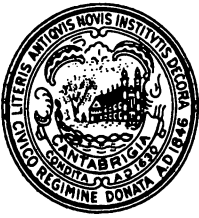
Very truly yours,


Edward D. McCarthy
City Solicitor

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cc: Mr. James L. Sullivan
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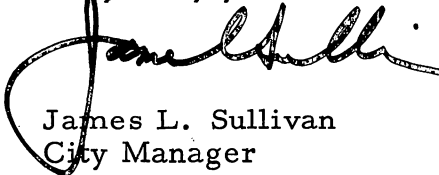
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

January 20, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from Edward D. McCarthy, City Solicitor, relative to Council Order of January 13, 1975 requesting an amendment to the Ordinances relative to illegal posting of signs and other printed matter.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Agenda # 9.

Ordinance re: illegal posting of signs
and other printed matter.

In City Council,
January 20, 1975

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Referred to the
Comm. on Ordinances-