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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Bob Bersani, Inspectional Services

Subject: Council Order #12, dated 6/12/95 RE: LARGE RATS IN THE
VICINITY OF STANDISH
AND CHILTON STREETS.

Concerning these complaints, the ISD senior sanitary inspector, Joe Nicoloro has been actively working with the Public Works Department representative (Dan White) for the past two weeks in a concerted effort to mitigate this problem. The following actions have been taken:

1. The catch basins in the area have been checked to insure they are free of debris. In addition, Public Works has baited approximately 18 catch basins in the area together with other likely areas in the public way that might possibly harbor rodents.
2. Joe Nicoloro and Dan White have toured the area extensively meeting with residents and inspecting for unsanitary conditions and evidence of rodent activity. Where potential problem areas have been noted, they have insured that prompt corrective measures have been taken.
3. ISD has sent a letter to over 100 residents in the area alerting them to the nature of the complaints and requesting their cooperation in insuring that their property is maintained such that it will not be attractive to rodents. Specific suggestions on preventative measures that can be taken are included in the letter. A copy of this letter is attached. The residents in the area have been extremely cooperative in responding to suggestions made by the inspectors.

ISD in conjunction with public Works will continue to monitor this problem and take corrective actions as necessary.

Sincerely,


R. R. Bersani

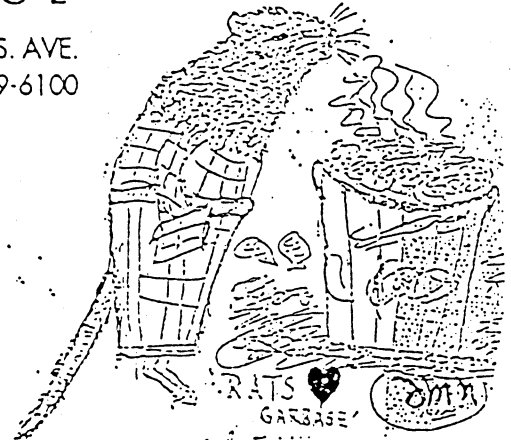
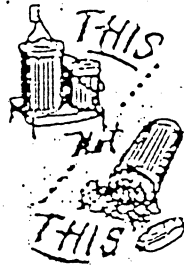
cc
Ralph Dunphy
Dan White
Joe Nicoloro



ROBERT R. BERSANI
Managing Director/
Acting Commissioner

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT 831 MASS. AVE.
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 (617) 349-6100



Dear Sir/Madam:

SUBJECT: SANITATION-RODENT PROOFING-RODENT KILLING.

On 6-8-95 an inspection and survey was made due to several complaints regarding rodents noted in immediate/adjoining streets of Huron Ave.

I was accompanied by Public Works Department, Dan White, Rodent Control.

This survey made shows an increase in rodent (Rat & Mice) activity. This condition has been brought by a number of causes, some of which are: construction, weather, abandoned properties, improper storage of refuse and its disposal, and other environment factors.

The survey shows a serious problem that concerns all of us. As such we ask you to work together to maintaining outside premises free of garbage and refuse and in a sanitary way at all times. As you know, the most effective rodent and insect control measures are good sanitation practices.

These are some of the control measures that we should use, but not limited to:

1. Outside storage areas: storage containers for garbage and refuse should be kept clean. All refuse containers shall have tight-fitting lids, doors or covers and shall be kept covered while not in use.
2. Elevate all storage above ground level (HIGH ENOUGH SO YOU CAN SEE UNDER IT).
3. Rodent proof all buildings.
4. Outside premises shall be free of litter and maintained at all times.
5. Removal all unusable materials and debris.
6. Control rodents by baiting or trapping.
7. Openings to outside shall be protected against rodents and

insects by tight-fitting, self closing doors. To get rid of any unwanted guests, don't feed them! One of the greatest opportunities for community sector control lies in better refuse storage and litter removal.

8. Remove all unusable material & debris from below porches.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to call me at 349-6100.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

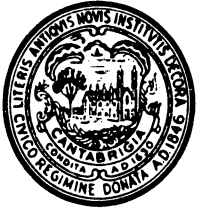
Sincerely,



Joseph M. Nicoloro, R.S., C.H.O.
Senior Sanitary Inspector

****MAN IS THE ONLY LIVING
BEING WHO HAS THE ABILITY
TO CHANGE HIS "ENVIRONMENT"

An inspection of all catch basins will be implemented and shall be baited as necessary. This will be performed by the Department of Public Works.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

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Deputy City Manager

July 31, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 44, regarding complaints from residents of Standish and Chilton Streets relative to vermin in the area, please find attached a response received from Robert Bersani, Commissioner of Inspectional Services.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
attachment

Consent Agenda # 5

S-241

Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Forty-Four regarding complaints from
residents concerning vermin in the area
of Standish and Chilton Streets.

*for original order see
1995 City Manager
Requests # 252.*

In City Council,

July 31, 1995

Placed on file