

C O P Y

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Committee on Public Safety

Protection Division

1700 Cambridge Street

September 18, 1944

Mr. David O'Connor, City Electrician
Broadway and Cambridge Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Dave:

I am attaching a copy of a letter sent to Colonel Bingham as we agreed in our telephone conversation.

This matter will have to be referred by the First Service Command to the Eastern Defense Command who have complete jurisdiction.

With reference to the second City Council Order requesting you to relocate gas lamps that have been removed until such time as they can be replaced by electric lights, please be informed that until a release is obtained from the First Service Command it would be illegal to restore these lights.

I trust that we may be able to obtain prompt and favorable action from the Eastern Defense Command.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Walter L. Cronin

DIRECTOR, PROTECTION DIVISION

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September 11, 1944

Colonel William J. Bingham
First Service Command
United States Army
Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Colonel:

I am forwarding to you a copy of an order passed by the Cambridge City Council at its meeting on September 11, 1944 asking that rules and regulations covering unattended lights be amended in order to permit the maintenance of gas lights in Cambridge streets.

For your information, during the early part of the war, a number of gas lights in Cambridge were ordered permanently extinguished for the duration inasmuch as it was impossible to turn off these lights in the event of blackouts.

I have been urged several times to permit the relighting of these gas lights but in each instance have responded that I was thoroughly powerless in the matter.

This action of the Cambridge City Council is no doubt an outcome of my position stating that the entire jurisdiction governing unattended lights is within the power of the United States Army.

I personally am very sympathetic with the residents of these districts who have been and are now without street lighting.

Cordially yours

DIRECTOR, PROTECTION DIVISION

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Office of the City Electrician

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

TEL. TROWBRIDGE 0125

September 21, 1944

DAVID J. O'CONNOR
CITY ELECTRICIAN

The Honorable City Council,
City of Cambridge,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sirs:

Regarding the Order from the Honorable City Council dated September 11, 1944 pertaining to the re-establishment of the gas lights in the City of Cambridge, as a matter of precaution I have communicated with Dr. Cronin, Director, Protection Division, regarding the legality in restoring these lights. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Dr. Cronin dated September 18th and copy of his letter to the First Service Command dated September 11th.

For your further information, we are completing a survey of all locations where gas lights were removed, having in mind replacing these in as many instances as possible with electric lights, where abutters are agreeable to pole locations.

Very truly yours,

David J. O'Connor

David J. O'Connor,
City Electrician.

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Enclosures

Communication
From City Electrician in response to
an Order of City Council adopted
on Sept. 11, 1944 relative to the
re-location of Gas lamps that
have been removed.

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City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 11, 1944.

ORDERED; -

That the City Electrician be and hereby is requested to relocate gas lamps that have been removed, until such time as they can be replaced by electric lights.

~~City Council SEP 11 1944~~
~~Adopted by the affirmative vote~~
~~of 9 members~~

~~Frederick H. Burke~~
~~City Clerk~~

In City Council SEP 11 1944
Adopted by ye and nay Vote
Yeas 9 Nays 0 Absent 0

Frederick H. Burke
City Clerk

Order
relative to re location of
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Mr. Cassidy