

City of Cambridge

O-11
AMENDED ORDER
IN CITY COUNCIL
November 24, 2003

COUNCILLOR MURPHY
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS

- WHEREAS: MBTA officials have deemed that non-acoustic music, saxophones, trumpets and horns of any kind are a hazard in subway stations; and
- WHEREAS: The MBTA is also banning electric keyboards, bass and guitars, microphones, amplifiers and imposing strict limitations and hours of performance; and
- WHEREAS: The MBTA is revoking all current performer permits, imposing an application process that requires waiting periods and implementing this new policy without a process for public comment; and
- WHEREAS: Many musicians make a substantial portion of their annual income performing in MBTA stations when outdoor performances are not possible in New England; and
- WHEREAS: As a result of this banning, many performers who do not have other income and who rely on the availability of MBTA stations for income may become homeless if they cannot perform and continue working during the winter months; and
- WHEREAS: The presence of street performers in above-and below-ground locations adds significantly to the unique character of the City of Cambridge and the ability to promote local interaction through art activities; now therefore be it

- RESOLVED: That the City Council on behalf of the City of Cambridge go on record supporting the right of performers to continue performing in MBTA stations; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the appropriate committee of the Cambridge City Council hold a hearing with street performers and invite MBTA officials to discuss the new MBTA performer policy; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the MBTA.

In City Council November 24, 2003
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

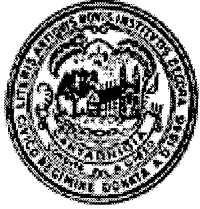
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ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

ORDER ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION



City of Cambridge

O-11
ORIGINAL ORDER
IN CITY COUNCIL
November 24, 2003

COUNCILLOR MURPHY

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging the MBTA to reconsider its decision to ban amplified music by performers at MBTA stations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the MBTA.

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City Council go on record urging the MBTA to reconsider its decision to ban amplified music by performers at MBTA stations.

Councillor Murphy, Mayor Sullivan, Councillor Toomey and entire membership

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**ORDER ADOPTED AS
AMENDED**