

Clinton's Order

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 20, 1972

		YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
	Mr. Clinton	✓			
	Mr. Danehy	✓			
	Mr. Duehay	✓			
	Mrs. Graham	✓			
	Mr. Moncreiff	✓			
	Mr. Owens	✓			
	Mr. Sullivan	✓			
	Mr. Vellucci	✓			
	Mayor Ackermann	✓			
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ordered - that the City manager office be directed to attempt to carry out the wishes of the council and find a place appropriate for the children to ride their mini bikes

Mayor Barbara Ackermann
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mayor Ackermann:

RE: Mini-Bikes

Mini-bikes are a growing problem in the Riverside-Cambridgeport and Model Cities areas of Cambridge, as they are throughout the City. They are generally operated illegally on city streets by underage youngsters or without permission on property such as shopping center parking lots.

There is great danger that some of these children may be seriously hurt or even killed if the situation continues unchanged. But the police have a very hard time enforcing the motor vehicle laws in the situation because there are so many bikes being used by so many kids. It is also unrealistic to assume that after that much money is put into the purchase of a mini-bike, it won't be used, legally or illegally. And more mini-bikes are appearing each week.

In order to provide for the safety of the youngsters, reduce noise in neighborhoods and provide for more proper enforcement of the law, we recommend that the City provide an alternative to city streets, sidewalks and unsupervised parking lots.

There is City land available near the Department of Transportation Building. We propose establishing a mini-bike track there to provide supervised riding for children from all areas of the City. Supervision could be provided by off-duty policemen, auxiliary policemen or others. Model Cities would be requested to provide a truck for transporting the bikes, the City a bus for transporting the children. Groups already using part of the land have agreed that a mini-bike track could be designed so that it wouldn't interfere with the soccer field.

Sincerely yours,

Lt. John Norton, Vice Chairman
Model Cities Police Community
Relations Program

Sgt. Frank Pilleri, Chairman
Riverside-Cambridgeport Task Force

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Mini-bike track in Kendall Square

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Councillors Clinton, Graham and Sullivan