



City of Cambridge

50.
Amended Order

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 22, 1997

VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Media One has been erecting olive green "switching" boxes on many utility poles as a part of their service upgrade; and

WHEREAS: Many of these boxes are located in places where their unsightly appearance is disturbing to many residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager report to the Council:

1. How the locations for these boxes were chosen, and whether the residents of the streets on which they placed were notified and had any input; and
2. Who determined that boxes of this size and design were really necessary; and
3. Who determined how big these boxes could be and how high they should be hung, and whether there are any limits on size, design, and number of future installations; and
4. Whether any neighborhoods in the city are getting more boxes than others; and
5. Whether any of the boxes can be put underground instead of on poles; and
6. Whether these boxes, which are fastened on only one side to the poles, pose a safety hazard in the event that they are blown lose in a storm; and
7. If other companies enter the Cambridge cable market, will every company be able to hang boxes on poles, making the visual clutter even worse?; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report as to the boxes situated on sidewalks as well.

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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name and title.



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51.

Ordered: That the City Manager confer with the Department of Public Works to ascertain whether the depression in the roadway along Upland road which appeared after the roadway was patched following utility line work, poses a safety hazard as large trucks drive over it and whether it can be refilled as soon as possible. . (Note that Upland Road was repaved in its entirety prior to this utility line work)

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52.

#1

Whereas; Residents of Bolton Street are experiencing increasing difficulty finding on-street parking near their homes because of new development in the area and because Walden Square Apartments, adjacent to Bolton Street, has instituted a new policies about resident parking in their parking lots, therefore be it

Ordered: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Traffic and Parking and report to the Council what steps can be taken to ease the parking problems on Bolton Street, including but not limited to a Bolton Street Resident Only parking policy or designating the street as a private way.

#2

53.

Ordered: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the Council when Bolton Street, which has not been repaved since 1963, is scheduled for repaving and catch basin work.

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#5

Whereas: Many tenants of the housing units in the Agassiz Neighborhood formerly owned by Harvard, and now owned through a city purchase by Homeowners Rehab, and managed by Winn Management, have received unexpectedly large rent increases, some as much as \$150 per month,

Whereas: It is very disturbing to some of these tenants to feel that the city is indifferent to the goal of stabilizing the neighborhoods most affected by the end of rent control and that the city is taking a part in forcing middle income tenants out of their long time homes, therefore be it

Ordered: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the Council what is the current City policy is about rents in these buildings, and what steps are being taken to assist long term tenants and prevent their being driven out of their neighborhoods by rent increases.

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55. 47.

Ordered; That the sign designating Mary Conlan park on Little Mass Ave be replaced. (Note this is a reminder as an earlier order has drawn no response to date.)

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Whereas; There has been a great deal of discussion about the use of playing fields in the City of Cambridge, including who is able reserve them, and at what cost, and also if over-scheduling is causing deterioration to the extent that many fields need to be rebuilt as often as every five years. Therefore be it

Ordered: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide to the Council:

A detailed description of how fields are scheduled, including what criteria, including residency, is requested of applicants

What steps (signage, fines, police action) are taken to prevent the use of fields by unauthorized teams (not to be confused with area residents using the fields for impromptu games).

A report on what teams (baseball, soccer, football and other) have scheduled which fields thus far this season



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*Davis, Duboy, La Muccio,
Reeves, Torrey, Triunfo, Tilton*
Consent Order #50
Vice Mayor Born re: The installation
of green "switching" boxes on many
utility poles as a part of their service
upgrade by Media One. *CM-607*

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ORDER ADOPTED

As Amended.