



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

TEL. 498-9011

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

November 16, 1988

Fun & Fitness Center
2000 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02140
Attn: Laura Weinman, Manager

RE: Unlawful Noise Levels

Dear Ms. Weinman:

Enclosed please find a copy of a noise level report evidencing that noise from your fitness center is in severe violation of the Cambridge Noise Ordinance. This ordinance provides that, after 6:00 P.M. noise from premises such as yours may not exceed 50 dB(A). Readings taken from noise emitting from your premises reached as high as 69.4 dB(A).

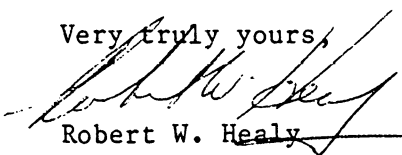
The problem seems to be that your patrons, your employees, or you frequently leave the back door open, and loud noise thereby escapes from your premises into nearby residential units. Mr. James McDavitt of the Cambridge License Commission has advised me that in the late spring of this year he secured an oral promise from the apparent owner of the Fun & Fitness Center that the back door would be kept shut. As this oral promise has been broken, the City of Cambridge may now have to seek a criminal complaint against you and your company.

However, it is possible that we can work things out if you meet with us. We would be looking for a written, binding agreement that the back door be used as an emergency exit only, with an alarm sounding every time it is opened.

Therefore, no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 30, 1988, please contact Mr. Richard Scali or Mr. James McDavitt, at 498-9021. Mr. Scali and Mr. McDavitt have authority from me to work out an agreement on this issue. If we do not hear from you by 5:00 P.M. on November 30, 1988, we will take further steps under the law to enforce the laws of this city.

Please advise Mr. Scali or Mr. McDavitt how you intend to proceed on this matter.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
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To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 29 relative to neighborhood complaints concerning the noise levels at the Fun and Fitness Center in North Cambridge, enclosed please find copy of a letter which I have sent to the manager of the center.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Agenda Item No. 3

S-File

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item ~~29~~ on
neighborhood complaints concerning the noise
levels at the Fun and Fitness Center in North
Cambridge.

In City Council,

November 21, 1988

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