



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Robert W. Healy  
City Manager  
FROM: Captain Joseph P. Cusack *JPC*  
Acting Chief of Police  
SUBJECT: Response to City Council Order #10

DATE: July 19, 1982

REFERENCE:

In response to City Council Order #10, a summary of enforcement activity during the last six months in connection with Ordinance #877, "Regulations for the Control of Noise", is difficult to accurately reflect. Many calls for service are received in Communications complaining of loud music and noises. These complaints most often refer to youths congregating usually between the hours of 8:00p and 1:00a. Very infrequently will we receive calls from citizens regarding loud construction machinery, compactors, etc. The dispatch and response of a police unit tends to rectify the problem.

Regarding recommendations which would be helpful in making the Ordinance more effective in the following specific examples:

1. Burglar Alarms - when the Department is made aware of an audible alarm which will not shut off, the abuser is sent a letter referring them to Ordinance #949, "Regulations for Security Alarm Systems", Sec. 15-18, Par. C. This paragraph states that all audible alarms must be equipped with a ten (10) minute automatic shut off device.
2. Ambulance Sirens - a letter has been sent to all surrounding ambulance companies notifying them that ambulances are not to use their sirens in a non-emergency situation while passing through the City of Cambridge in accordance with Ordinance #877.
3. Barking Dogs - depending upon the hour of the day and the circumstances a complaint of a barking dog is received, a police unit may or may not be dispatched. At times, a dog barks to signal an unauthorized person on the premises. If a police unit is not dispatched, the Animal Control Officer, when on duty, is notified.

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(617) 498-9300

July 19, 1982

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to the Police Department's attention that in the past, ambulances have passed through the City of Cambridge with their sirens on while on non-emergency business.

Please be advised that City of Cambridge Ordinance #877, "Regulations for the Control of Noise", forbids any undue and unnecessary noise including the use of sirens by ambulances while on non-emergency business. It would be greatly appreciated if you could notify all of your drivers regarding this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph P. Cusack*  
Captain Joseph P. Cusack  
Acting Chief of Police

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88 Sherman Street  
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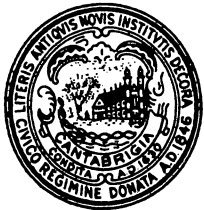
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ROBERT W. HEALY  
City Manager

August 2, 1982

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to City Council Order No. 10 of June 28, 1982 relative to enforcement of Ordinance No. 877, "Regulations for the Control of Noise", enclosed please find copy of a report from Joseph P. Cusack, Acting Chief of Police.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

RWH/mbf  
Enc.

Agenda Item Number Fifteen

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Re: enforcement of Ordinance No. 877, "Regulations for the Control of Noise".

In City Council,

August 2, 1982

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