



City of Cambridge

(Amended Order No. 1)

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 8, 1986

- WHEREAS: Regent Street is a short, primarily residential street north of Porter Square running from Massachusetts Avenue to the B & M railroad tracks; and
- WHEREAS: There are several businesses at the end of Regent Street in an area once zoned for business but now zoned residential; and
- WHEREAS: There is some doubt as to how some of the recently opened businesses gained certificates of occupancy after the neighborhood had been zoned residential; and
- WHEREAS: The area at the end of Regent Street owned by the B & M Railroad is currently being leased by the B & M as a parking lot against the expressed wishes of the residential neighborhood and in defiance of a ruling by the Board of Zoning Appeals; and
- WHEREAS: The area at the end of Regent Street becomes a "no-man's land" at night where people from outside the neighborhood often meet after driving there and loiter for suspicious purposes, thereby threatening neighborhood safety; and
- WHEREAS: There is no fence between the end of Regent Street and the B & M tracks, so that neighborhood children are in danger; and
- WHEREAS: Heavy truck traffic on Regent Street constantly threatens residents' tranquillity and children's safety; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council take the following action:
- That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to:
1. Request the B & M Railroad: to cease and desist the rental of its property as a parking lot forthwith; to beautify the area by building a road to maintain area access and by landscaping the entire remaining area; and to build a fence along the tracks to eliminate that danger.
 2. If no action is forthcoming on these requests (as it has not been), request the state to assist the city to acquire the land for the purposes outlined in 1, above.

3. Do a complete survey of all businesses which have opened at this location since the zoning was changed from business to residential, explaining in writing to the City Council and to residents why certificates of occupancy were issued and whether those businesses are now legally operating at their locations.
4. Develop a new written procedure for the future so that the neighborhood is assured that no future certificates of occupancy will be issued to businesses in this location without public notice and unless all zoning requirements are strictly followed.
5. Take whatever action is necessary to bar heavy tractor trailer trucks from Regent Street and to stop trucks from speeding.
6. Petition B & M to conduct a comprehensive clean-up campaign along the railroad tracks and adjacent property.

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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of
9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Councillor Duehay re: resolutions requesting the City Manager to take various actions with regard to Regent St., to request that the B & M Railroad cease the rental of its property at the end of Regent St. as a parking lot & beautify the area & deal with safety & business licensing matters.

In City Council,

December 8, 1986

C. Duehay
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