

GRENDel'S DEN, INC.
89 Winthrop Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
491-1160

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The City Council
Cambridge City Hall

Dear Councillor:

I tuned in to the City Council hearing on Monday night (11/18) towards the end of the discussion about the rowdy bars in Harvard Square, and was dismayed to hear Grendel's Den Bar included in the list of offending establishments. As the co-owner of Grendel's Den, Inc., I feel that my Bar was wrongly accused of being the same type of night spot as The Boathouse, Shay's Wine Bar and the Harvard Square Sport's Club.

Grendel's has a 1 a.m. closing hour, and we have a seating capacity of only 95 people, a number that was assigned to us in 1971 and never yet increased under the new occupancy policies. Our customer base is NOT the college student crowd. We fought long and hard for the privilege of using our liquor license, and we try hard to maintain a restaurant and bar that operate according to the laws and with consideration to our neighbors.

Speaking of neighbors, I do not want to cause trouble for a neighbor, but I believe the crowds that were attributed to coming out of Grendel's Den Bar in a loud and raucous manner at 2 a.m., really come from The Spaghetti Club, an establishment located directly behind Grendel's on Winthrop Street. The patrons from The Spaghetti Club pass in front of Grendel's when returning to the Harvard dorm area late at night, and I can see why they may be thought to be coming from Grendel's, but they are NOT our customers.

I appreciate the opportunity of setting the record straight on this matter. I would like to be notified if there is another meeting scheduled that will deal with this problem so I can defend my business against these accusations.

Sincerely,


Sue E. Kuelzer, clerk
Grendel's Den, Inc.

Consent Comm. # 2 S-1739

Comm. from Sue E. Kuelzer, Clerk
Grendel's Den, Inc., 89 Winthrop St.,
regarding the hearing held relative
to disorderly conduct and unruly
behavior by patrons of the various
bars in the area; said communication
takes acception to the allegations.

In City Council,

November 25, 1991

Placed on file