



City of Cambridge

2.

Amended Order

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 31, 1997

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

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to file an update on the progress the City is making toward drafting/enacting an ordinance which would allow the Police Department to disarm car alarms parked in private garages that are triggered over the weekend and sound for several hours thereby disturbing the peace and quiet enjoyment of neighbors; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to prepare a report in time for the April 9, 1997 Noise Sub-Committee meeting on the effectiveness of the present noise ordinance and any changes that can be made to better keep the peace.

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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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Original Order

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Resolution

Ordered: That the City Manager be & is hereby requested to file an update of on the progress the City is making toward ~~such~~ drafting / enacting an ordinance which would allow the Police Department to disarm car alarms parked in private garages that ~~go off~~ ~~sound~~ are triggered over the weekend and sound (?) for several hours thereby disturbing the peace & quiet enjoyment of neighbors.

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FROM: Margery Wilson, INTERNET:wils@MIT.EDU
TO: Katherine Triantafillou, 102743,1675
DATE: 7/7/96 12:34 PM

Re: car alarms and private garages

Sender: wils@mit.edu
Received: from MIT.EDU (PACIFIC-CARRIER-ANNEX.MIT.EDU [18.69.0.28])
by arl-img-4.compuserve.com (8.6.10/5.950515)
id MAA01941; Sun, 7 Jul 1996 12:33:04 -0400
Received: from MIT.MIT.EDU by MIT.EDU with SMTP
id AA15250; Sun, 7 Jul 96 12:31:11 EDT
Received: from BLUEBOX-36.MIT.EDU by MIT.MIT.EDU (5.61/4.7) id
AA24120; Sun, 7 Jul 96 12:33:02 EDT
Message-Id: <9607071633.AA24120@MIT.MIT.EDU>
To: 102743.1675@Compuserve.com
Subject: car alarms and private garages
Date: Sun, 7 Jul 96 12:29:04
From: wils@MIT.EDU (Margery Wilson)

Help!

I live in a condominium across the street from the parking garages for Polaroid and Draper (Tech Square). As I am writing this it is Sunday noon; there is a car alarm that has been sounding now (with ~15 second respites every couple of minutes) for over TWENTY FOUR HOURS. Yep. Can you imagine what our lives are like, this hot summer day/night, with the alarm being ever present?

This being a weekend, and a holiday weekend to boot, we have been unable to get anyone to take effective action. The Polaroid security folks claim they can do nothing, since the garage is operated by a management company (R.M. Bradley) The security service for the management company says they can do nothing, since they cannot reach the owner of the car. (They only know the owner of the car after I asked the City police to run the plates.) And, the Cambridge Police -- although sympathetic -- cannot take action since the car is in a private garage.

It is unfair that we neighbors have to suffer because the "rights" of the car and its owner are being "protected." Shouldn't the operators of a parking garage be expected to take action for nuisances that occur on their property? If this car were causing a nuisance on a city street the City could take action. And the owner of this car should be held accountable for the nuisance this car has caused. Obviously he/she left the car in

the
garage and went away for the holiday weekend.

The City needs to address this issue. There are many large garages in the city. If the car owners are negligent, then the garage should be expected to have authority to take action. If the car were on fire, would the garage take no action because the owner had not given permission? I think not.

I want to follow up on this. Please contact me at:

Margery Wilson
125 Portland Street, #8
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 253-2466 (office -- has voice mail)
(617) 253-2466 (home) (after 2 pm each weekday)
email: wils@mit.edu



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Consent Order #2

Entire Membership
CM-166

Councillor Triantafillou re: Drafting and enacting an ordinance which would allow the Police Dept. to disarm car alarms parked in private garages taht are triggered over the weekend.

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ORDER ADOPTED

As Amended