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The Honorable, The Cambridge City Council
759 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillors:

I am writing to you in the hopes that my complaint will be heard and addressed.

For the past several months, myself and other residents of my neighborhood have been appealing to the authorities of Cambridge to enforce the Zoning and Noise Ordinances in North Cambridge, specifically in the area surrounding Portland Stoneware. On Tuesday, March 8, 1994, at 6:30a.m. as I walked passed Portland Stoneware, I noticed a truck leaving the yard heading towards Sherman Street. Although I was half a block away, I could hear the radio in the truck clearly; it was blasting. As I headed home, I saw two police cars on Middlesex Street and another truck from Portland Stoneware. One officer rang a neighbor's doorbell to have her move her car so they could escort the truck to Portland Stoneware. (The car was legally parked, but the truck was too big to get through.) When I questioned the officer about the truck coming down Middlesex Street during restricted hours, he referred me to his sergeant. The sergeant said he made a judgement call by having the car moved so the truck could get by. He also informed me that he was there as a referee between neighbors and Portland Stoneware. Then I asked him if he could enforce the Noise Ordinance, as well as address the issue of those trucks operating during restricted hours. The officer explained to me the only reason he was there was to monitor truck activity. Is it not an officer's job to enforce all city ordinances while on duty?

All of this resulted in my attempts to obtain a complaint form from the Cambridge Police Department the following day. On Wednesday, March 9, 1994, I went to the police station to obtain a complaint form. The desk sergeant asked me why I wanted the form. I informed him it was regarding an incident that happened on Tuesday morning, March 8. He then referred me to Lt. Hallice. Again, I was asked why I wanted a complaint form. I replied it was due to an incident that happened on March 8 involving Portland Stoneware. The lieutenant said that since I did not have any witnesses the complaint form would not do any good. He said the matter had already been resolved, and the police officers were doing their jobs. He also explained he had nothing to do with the night sergeant.

All I am asking is for Cambridge Police to enforce the ordinances that exist, and exist for a reason. The noise generated from Portland Stoneware during early morning hours and late at night is intolerable. I would appreciate your giving this matter some attention.

Sincerely,



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Consent Communcaiton #12

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Comm. received from Norman
Boucher re: a complaint against
Portland Stoneware

In City Council March 21, 1994

Referred to City Mgr.
for report back.