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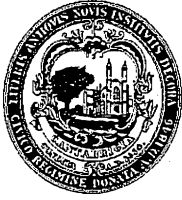
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Consent Agenda Items

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Ms. Kathleen L. Born	✓			
Ms. Henrietta Davis	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Mr. Anthony Galluccio	✓			
Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves			✓	
Mr. Michael A. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	✓			
Ms Katherine Triantafillou	✓			
Mayor Sheila T. Russell	✓			

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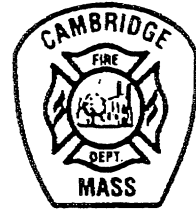


CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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December 16, 1997

Robert Healy
City Manager
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RE: Council Order #005 Dated 11/24/97

Dear Mr. Healy:

The Cambridge Fire Department policy on the use of sirens, horns, and emergency lights is as follows. These devices are used only when apparatus is responding to a reported emergency.

As we all know Cambridge is one of the most densely populated cities in the Country. This causes a high number of emergency responses in a small (6.3 miles) area. Traffic congestion is extremely severe citywide.

Climate control systems in modern automobiles result in closed windows year round. Citizens are driving in closed cars with radios and tape decks playing. They do not hear the approach of emergency equipment.

The weight of modern fire apparatus frequently exceeds twenty tons. Safety of the public and Firefighters and a speedy response to citizens in danger mandate the use of this safety equipment.

Victims of fire and medical emergencies frequently tell us "When I heard your sirens I knew help was near".

Respectfully,

Kevin J. Fitzgerald
Chief of Department



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
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December 22, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 25, regarding a report on noise from sirens of ambulances and rescue vehicles, received from Fire Chief Kevin Fitzgerald.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #1

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Twenty-Five, regarding a report on noise
from sirens of ambulances and rescue
vehicles.

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