



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 3, 1994

COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR MYERS
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Car alarms and house alarms, while designed to serve the useful purpose of preventing theft and vandalism, are often set off by accident, by someone leaning on a parked car, or by wind rattling windows; and

WHEREAS: Often when these alarms are unintentionally triggered they continue to sound for a long time, often for hours, and often in the middle of the night; and

WHEREAS: Ordinarily in these instances the police, when called, and the disturbed neighbors are powerless to disarm the offending alarms and many people lose a great deal of sleep or work time while the shrill noise rings unabated in their ears; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council what City policy is on repeated false triggering of house alarms and car alarms, specifically what kinds of fines are or can be levied, what kind of licensing is required for the installation of house alarms, if any automatic or remote shut-off devices can be required on new house systems or on new cars registered in Cambridge, and if tickets can be given to cars whose alarms do not automatically shut off in a short period; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to check with five surrounding communities (for instance, Newton, Brookline, Quincy, Boston, and Lexington) to compare Cambridge's policy with theirs.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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Consent Order #30

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Order adopted.