



City of Cambridge

HP
IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Walsh

February 26, 1990

WHEREAS: A Council Order which I sponsored on September 18, 1989 regarding the repetition of unnecessary runs by the Cambridge Fire Department to particular entities within the city and the possibility of initiating a schedule of fines in such instances was adopted by unanimous vote of the then sitting Council (Attested Copy of said Order attached); and

WHEREAS: The January 15, 1990 date contained therein for receipt by this Council of the Fire Department's initial printout has passed with no printout received; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Fire Chief to provide said printout and summary thereof to this Council prior to March 19, 1990, and that preparation of these printouts of alarms be extended so that three (3) months from the date of delivery of the first, a second printout and summary thereof will be provided to this Council for review, but, in no event is this second printout to be provided later than the final Council Session during the month of June, 1990.

(ATTACHMENT)



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In City Council February 26, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

22.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 18, 1989

COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: Taxpayers deserve assurance that a dollar of value is the product of every dollar spent in the city budget, it is essential that we make sure that those who provide critical city services are not given the run around, even unconsciously, in the process of doing their job by those whom they serve, this applies particularly to the wasteful use of resources and equipment, not to mention the risk to lives of departmental personnel of the Cambridge Fire Department, which are the consequences of unnecessary runs made in response to false fire alarms, be these the product of prank or sensoring equipment which is malfunctioning; and

WHEREAS: The Fire Department in the City of Boston has initiated a successful program whereby, in the course of examining monthly printouts of runs made and alarms answered, attention is focused upon institutions and entities to which repeated runs have been made, which runs have turned out to be unnecessary due to equipment failure or the ringing of a false alarm and fines have been levied against the institution or entity for each such unnecessary run, the real value of the fine is not so much to help pay for the unnecessary use of fire equipment and personnel, but to get the attention of institutional administrators so that necessary charges will be made which will insure that Fire Department personnel and equipment will be more available to respond to legitimate runs and not be forced to respond to those which have proven to be unnecessary; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager direct the Chief of the Cambridge Fire Department to begin a three month evaluation of printouts of alarms answered and runs made, effective October 1 through December 31, 1989, and pinpoint repeated sources of these alarms which have resulted in unnecessary runs, be these institutional or individual, and provide this compilation of data to this City Council no later than January 15, 1990 so that, should the data warrant it, a system of fines will be initiated and fully operative in the City of Cambridge effective on March 1, 1990.

In City Council September 18, 1989.

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Order # 6

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Order adopted