



City of Cambridge

37.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 24, 1991

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

WHEREAS: There are many homes in Cambridge which have changed from oil to gas heat; and

WHEREAS: Very often the fuel tank was left in place at the time of the change to gas, often with fuel oil still in the tank; and

WHEREAS: The removal of this oil by private contract is prohibitively expensive; and

WHEREAS: As a result of the expense, this used heating oil may find its way into the public sewer, thus creating a severe environmental hazard; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Commission on the Recycling of Used Motor Oil and the Department of Public Works to put this problem on their agendas with the view of finding a solution which might contain some or all of the following elements:

1. The arrangement of a fuel amnesty program where residents wishing to have their dormant oil pumped out would write or call the appropriate city office;
2. The resident would indicate approximately how much oil remains in their tank;
3. The city would arrange for a contractor to pump out the oil safely of all persons who applied for the amnesty;
4. The city would get a guarantee that the recovered oil would be used as heating oil, preferably for low-income residence at a reduced rate;
5. In arranging for a contractor the city would attempt to get the services donated; and,
6. The city should try to arrange this service free of charge for residents. The city should subsidize this service only if it has to for environmental and safety consideration; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council concerning the implementation of this policy at the first meeting of the City Council in September.

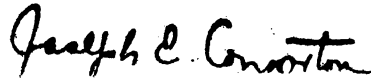
In City Council June 24, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

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Councillor Duehay

Whereas there are many homes in Cambridge which have changed from oil to gas heat;

Whereas very often the fuel tank was left in place at the time of the change to gas, often with fuel oil still in the tank;

Whereas these oil tanks are a potential danger in case of a fire;

Whereas the removal of this oil by private contract is prohibitively expensive;

Whereas, as a result of the expense, this used heating oil may find its way into the public sewer, thus creating a severe environmental hazard

Therefore be it resolved that the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Commission on the Recycling of Used Motor Oil and the Department of Public Works to put this problem on their agendas with the view of finding a solution which might contain some or all of the following elements:

1. The arrangement of a fuel amnesty program where residents wishing to have their dormant oil pumped out would write or call the appropriate city office;
2. The resident would indicate approximately how much oil remains in their tank;
3. The city would arrange for a contractor to pump out the oil safely of all persons who applied for the amnesty;
4. The city would get a guarantee that the recovered oil would be used as heating oil, preferably for low-income residences at a reduced rate;
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1. The arrangement of a fuel amnesty program where residents wishing to have their dormant oil pumped out would write or call the appropriate city office;
2. The resident would indicate approximately how much oil remains in their tank;
3. The city would arrange for a contractor to pump out the oil safely of all persons who applied for the amnesty;
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Order # 37

F-399

CONSENT

Councillor Duehay re: problem on dormant
oil.

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June 24, 1991

Order adapted