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October 15, 1990

To The Honorable, The City Council:

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Very truly yours,

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October 2, 1990

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: William Sommers, Commissioner, DPW

SUBJECT: Mayor Wolfe's Council Order

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We are now including the energy component in our cost analysis of the maintenance of city buildings and have recently sent out a notice to all affected City Departments telling them about their current energy costs and requesting that conservation measures be followed.

Finally, we are giving careful study to gasoline usage to effect conservation methods in an area where costs are escalating rapidly.



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