



# City of Cambridge

15.

IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR DAVID E. SULLIVAN

JUNE 6, 1988

**WHEREAS:** In the eleven years since its 1977 revision, the Cambridge noise ordinance, section 13-10 of the City Code, has proved confusing to virtually everyone who encounters it, difficult to enforce, and generally ineffective; and

**WHEREAS:** As this evening's hearing indicates, this problem is especially severe for construction noise in residential neighborhoods; therefore, be it

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager direct the Law Department, in cooperation with other appropriate departments, to prepare a revised draft of the noise ordinance for consideration by the City Council this fall, with particular attention to the following:

1. Drastically simplify the language and structure;
2. Clarify exactly which city officers shall enforce the the ordinance, including provisions for suspension of construction permits and other non-criminal disposition;
3. Define "daytime" to exclude the period before 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, and include a substantive prohibition (absent from the present ordinance) allowing construction and similar noisy activities only during "daytime" hours;.
4. Include impact devices (such as pile drivers) within construction noise regulations (they are currently exempt!);
5. Restrict exemptions from the "daytime" construction requirement to emergency situations; and,
6. Eliminate the need for decibel readings to establish violations.

In City Council June 6, 1988.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

*John E. Flynn*

John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

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C.D. Sullivan order re: that the City Manager be requested to direct the Lqw Dept., in cooperation with other appropriate dept.'s to prepare a revised draft of the Noise Ordinance for Council consideration this fall, with particular attention to language & structure simplification, clarification of enforcement, the definition of "daytime" to exclude the period before 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays & three other points listed in the text of this order.

In City Council,

June 6, 1988

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C. D. Sullivan

order Adopted

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