

GREEN STREET GRILL

at
CHARLIE'S TAP
JAZZ CLUB

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November 21, 1991

Cambridge City Council
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear City Council:

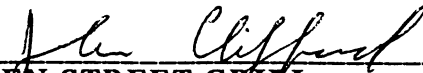
We, The International Restaurants of Central Square, working under the umbrella of the Central Square Business Association, are writing this letter in support of restaurants' petitions for beer and wine licenses. In these hard economic times, we ask the City Council to be flexible and sensitive to the business community.

These Central Square restaurants are more than just restaurants. Many are family endeavors, providing friendly meeting places for not only people from the families' own cultures, but for people of all colors and backgrounds. All people can mingle in these establishments, fulfilling the true sense of the word "community," exactly what we strive for in Cambridge. In Central Square, diversity and internationalism are realities. To support these qualities, these restaurants must survive. We believe the City of Cambridge should do its part by granting beer and wine licenses.

On the surface we may appear to be competitors, however, we understand that supporting these petitions aids in the revitalization of all Central Square. Central Square is an important resource for Cambridge's economy and cultural diversity, expansion of its ethnic restaurant base represents a significant public benefit.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

On Behalf of the Executive Committee of The International
Restaurants of Central Square,


GREEN STREET GRILL
JOHN CLIFFORD

cc: Cambridge License Commission

Consent Comm. # 11

Comm. from John Clifford, Green Street Grill
at Charlie's Tap Jazz Club, on behalf of
the Executive Committee of the International
Restaurants of Central Square, in support of
restaurants' petitions for beer and wine
licenses.

In City Council,

November 25, 1991

*Referred to the public
hearing on 11/25/91
at 7:00 p.m.*



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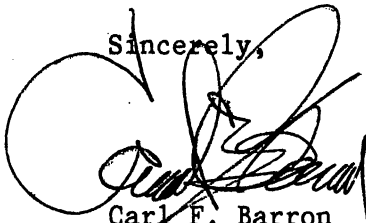
November 20, 1991

Mr. Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Connarton:

Enclosed, please find a letter pertaining to a public hearing on
November 25, 1991 before the City Council. I would appreciate
your distributing a copy to each councillor.

Sincerely,



Carl F. Barron

encl.

CFB/b.5848



614 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

November 20, 1991

Hon. Members of the Cambridge City Council

Re: Hearing on Wine and Beer Licenses

With reference to the hearing that is scheduled to discuss the dangers in the "Cap" provision on the issuance of licenses in the above-noted matter, I would like to call certain facts to the attention of your Board.

The establishment of a cap on liquor licenses was first requested by me, as President of the Central Square Business Association, a few years ago. At that time, my request was all-inclusive, and I had requested that a cap be placed on all liquor licenses.

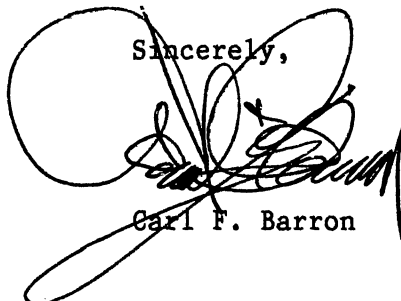
Since that time, the liquor cap has been in place, and it has served a useful purpose. I completely uphold it but with the modification that, at the discretion of your Board, certain small restaurants be permitted to have beer and wine licenses for the consumption of beer and wine on their premises as an adjunct to the serving of meals. I recently requested modification to the original cap, based upon the fact that these small businesses are in need of financial assistance in weathering the current economy. It would be most unreasonable to expect a person who is eating a meal in a restaurant to get up from their dining table and go into another liquor establishment for the purpose of having a glass of wine or a glass of beer, and returning to the dining table. Also, we feel that the problems created in the City of Cambridge, and especially in the Central Square area, arise from the excess consumption of hard liquor, and not the beer and wine that is served in moderate quantity in restaurants. Therefore, we definitely recommend that, at the Board's discretion, beer and wine licenses be granted to restaurants that do not have said

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licenses, especially if they are small and family-owned and operated. There comes a time when any ordinance or law may be revised, based upon changing conditions, such as the poor economy, and when the original law might have been too broad to serve the actual purposes, as in this instance.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Carl F. Barron', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Carl F. Barron

cc: Cambridge License Board
CSBA Board of Directors
International Restaurant Association of Central Square

CFB/b.5847

November 1991

have to
with CC
approve S.

We, the undersigned voters, taxpayers and residents of the City of Cambridge, MA, urge the License Commissioners of the City of Cambridge:

To retain and enforce vigorously its long standing policy of capping pouring licenses in Cambridge generally, and in the Harvard Square area, where use is, specifically - because of the adverse effect, which the loosening of this policy would have on our neighborhood, our squares, and our residents, both young and old, and on the safety of our streets and traffic.

We particularly urge the License Commission -

to:

To withhold a pouring license from those two establishments in our immediate neighborhood

The Cafe of India, 52 Brattle St.

The Stock Pot, 57 J.F.K. St.

Thank you for your attention to this request!

Respectfully submitted by

John N. Talas
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Deborah Baker
Margot Ray
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The Harvard Crimson

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS., TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 1991



Noise and streetfights outside the Harvard Square Sports Club on J.F.K. St. prompted angry complaints from area residents at the City Council meeting last night.

Photo / Janice Y. K. Lee

Locals Ask Rigid Liquor Laws

Complain of Noise, Fights From Harvard Square Bars

By MELISSA LEE
and ERICA L. WERNER

Harvard Square residents demanded stricter liquor license laws at last night's City Council meeting, complaining that local bars make too much noise and are the source of numerous street fights.

"The situation right now is like a rock concert turned dangerous by alcohol and drugs," said Darrell James, a Harvard Square resident. "Great haste should be made to rid Harvard Square of these bars."

Bar owners will be allowed to present their case to the council once the the Harvard Square Sports Club appeals its liquor license sus-

pension in December. The council postponed the hearing, which was originally scheduled for last night, until the case is settled. Cambridge police and the owner of the Sports Bar said they want to avoid making statements that might weaken their cases.

The Sports Bar's license was suspended last month after residents complained about two fights outside the bar last July.

According to police reports, patrons threw glasses and liquor at police officers trying to break up the fights, which had spilled into the street.

The License Commission temporarily suspended the bar's

license, charging that the bar was serving alcohol to minors and was unsupervised.

Despite the potential month-long postponement, the council heard several resident complaints of what some called "violations of the noise and public nuisance laws."

"At closing time, 1000 young people are shoved out into the street drunk," James said.

He said that the "four most notorious bars in the entire state" are the Harvard Sports Club, Shay's, the Boathouse and Grendel's Den-Bar.

Eleven establishments have
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Residents Complain of Noise, Fights From Local Bars

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pouring licenses on J.F.K. St. alone, according to Gladys P. Gifford, president of the Harvard Square Defense Fund. Gifford said 35 Harvard Square restaurants and bars have pouring licenses.

"There seems to be no limit to the amount of liquor served in a student town where your kids and mine visit," she said.

Gifford cited the 1981 revocation of the liquor license quota system by the council as the reason why "there are too many pouring licenses

in Cambridge, particularly Harvard Square."

Prior to 1981, the council issued a limited number of liquor licenses in the Square.

She and other residents requested that the council devise a policy to limit the number of liquor licenses issued. A hearing about loosening the existing policy is scheduled for next Monday's council meeting.

'No Up Side'

Many councillors said they disapprove of the way the bars are run.

"There is no up side to Cambridge having

this type of establishment... It degrades the environment," Councillor Edward N. Cyr said.

None of the bar owners were present at the meeting.

Thumbs Up For Healy

In other business, the council unanimously passed an order expressing a "vote of full confidence" in City Manager Robert W. Healy.

Councillor William H. Walsh, the principal author of the resolution, said it was meant to squelch "destructive rumors" which allegedly have been circulating about Healy's future with

the city government.

Healy's contract will come up for renewal next year.

"While these rumors persist...I think we should make it very clear to a leader of this quality that we want him to stay in Cambridge, that we appreciate what he's done," Walsh said.

The order, also sponsored by councillors Sheila T. Russell, Walter J. Sullivan and Timothy J. Toomey Jr., cites "the quality with which [Healy] has managed and implemented the mandates of the council."

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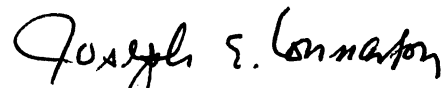
To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Cambridge City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, November 25, 1991 at 7:00 p. m. in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, Cambridge, relative to loosening the policy of capping pouring licenses in several areas of the city by the License Commission.

You are invited to attend this hearing and be heard.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NOVEMBER 19, 1991

TO: ALEX RODRIQUEZ, CHAIRMAN
LICENSE COMMISSION

FROM: JOSEPH E. CONNARTON *JEC*
CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: HEARING NOVEMBER 25, 1991 AT 7:00 P. M.

Please be advised that the City Council has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, November 25, 1991 at 7:00 p. m. in the City Council Chamber on an order adopted by the City Council at its meeting of October 28, 1991, a copy of which is attached, regarding the loosening the policy of capping pouring licenses in several areas of the city by the License Commission.

You have been requested to attend this hearing.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

c.c. Robert W. Healy
City Manager



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 24, 1991

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR CYR

WHEREAS: The License Commission has reportedly been loosening its policy of capping pouring licenses in several areas of the city and is reportedly considering increases in capacity for licensed clubs which would increase congestion and traffic undesirably; and

WHEREAS: The License Commission instituted these limitations after citizens initiated action in a number of the city's neighborhoods; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED: That the Mayor be and hereby is requested to schedule a hearing on this topic as rapidly as can be arranged and, in preparation for the hearing, be asked to inform all interested parties including representatives of neighborhood groups in all capped areas.

In City Council October 28, 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 FRANCIS H. DUEHAY
26 LOWELL STREET
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Councillor Duehay ^{for City} re: loosening its
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Hearing scheduled
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