

Mayor Walter Sullivan
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Ma. 02139

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Cordially, for area residents,



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IN CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

MAY 5, 1986

ORDERED:

That the City Manager direct the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to examine the specifics of the complaint brought to the attention of this Council by Cora Beth Abel, 12 Lee Street, Cambridge (copy of letter attached hereto) relative to work hours presently utilized in the construction of an office building at 871 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, and excessive noise associated therewith. Additionally, the report of said findings and suggested response thereto shall be communicated to this City Council via the City Manager with all due haste, on or before May 19, 1986.

In City Council May 5, 1986.

Adopted by the affirmative votes of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

Joseph E. Connarton

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

Order # 7

F-160

Mayor W. Sullivan order re: City Manager to direct the Police Chief & Commr. of Inspectional Services to examine the specifics of a complaint by Cora Beth Abel (copy within)
Re: work hours utilized in the construction of an office building at 871 Mass. Ave. & excessive noise at the site.

In City Council,

May 5, 1986

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