



City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER
44.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 1992

COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR WOLF

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WHEREAS: The city has an ordinance which prohibits citizens from posting flyers on trees, utility poles, and street lights; and

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WHEREAS: A suggestion has been made that consideration be given to the placement of community bulletin boards in the city's parks and playgrounds, in the interest of fostering more closely knit neighborhoods and legally facilitating community activities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Public Works to consider the feasibility of such a request, and to report back to the City Council within five weeks time; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commission of Public Works to consider the feasibility of erecting a community bulletin board in every precinct near a municipally owned or leased building.

In City Council October 5, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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City Clerk



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ORIGINAL ORDER
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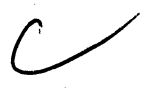
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*Attachment
needed*

Mr. Jonathan Myers
City Councilman
Cambridge City Council
Cambridge, MA 02139

September 25, 1992

Dear Jonathan,

You know me: I'm both your neighbor and one of your Family Day Care Providers. I have a problem concerning our business as a neighborhood childcare program.

In order to attract parents to our day care program, I have to advertise. I place advertisements in the Tab and the Parents' Paper about six months out of the year. Occasionally, I advertise in the Chronicle as well. Also, I have our program listed in the day care offices of Harvard, MIT, and B.U. as well as at the Childcare Resource Center. Many parents hear about us by 'word-of-mouth' and from the fliers that we post on local bulletin boards in libraries or stores and...on telephone poles.

It is regarding the fliers that I encountered trouble this summer. I was followed as I put them up on telephone poles by a policeman who informed me that I was breaking the law! I was mortified to find out that it is against the law to put fliers on telephone poles despite the hundreds of them one sees there regularly (about concerts, yard sales, lost cats, lectures, fund-raising, etc.). Subsequently, I sought out every public bulletin board that I could find, ~~better~~ than those in the libraries and stores where I had already placed them. I found one in front of City Hall which is over-used and where one flier rarely stays up long, and three in public playgrounds where parents of small children are likely to go. There are none in the parks and playgrounds of Cambridgeport.

I suggest, in the interests of fostering more closely knit neighborhoods and legally facilitating community activities, that bulletin boards be installed in every park and playground in Cambridge. Then, of course, I could advertise locally ---and legally---with my fliers, as well!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alice Maury-Beeler
Alice Maury-Beeler,
Family Day Care Provider



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CONSENT ORDER #44

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Councillor Myers re: Community bulletin
boards in parks and playgrounds.

In City Council,

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*Order Adopted as
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