



# City of Cambridge

7.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 13, 1992

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is request to take note of the attached letter whereby the Department of Public Works refuses to pick up trash at 159 and 161 Hancock Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to establish and/or recommend without delay policies whereby the city provides the basic public service of rubbish removal to all its residents regardless of where they live; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to this City Council within two weeks the action taken by him pursuant to this matter.

In City Council January 13, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk



2

# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 498-9094

COUNCILLOR FRANCIS H. DUEHAY  
26 LOWELL STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

Councillor Duehay

January 13, 1992

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take note of the attached letter whereby the Department of Public Works refuses to pick up trash at 159 and 161 Hancock Street;

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to establish and/or recommend without delay policies whereby the city provides the basic public service of rubbish removal to all its residents regardless of where they live.

12/15/91

Frank Dushoff, Councilor  
26 Lowell Street  
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Councilor Dushoff:

159 and 161 Hancock Street are two buildings constructed in 1909. Until the 1980's they were rental units having their trash picked up weekly by the Cambridge D.P.W. In the 1980's these seventeen units became condominiums, at which time the new owners decided to have the trash picked up twice per week by B.F.I. Recently, the owners, considering the thousands of dollars it costs to have even one pickup per week by B.F.I., voted to have B.F.I. pick up the trash once per week and to have the Cambridge D.P.W. pick up the trash once per week. The Cambridge D.P.W. refuses to pick up our trash, and in its only justification for such a refusal, says that it has to determine whether our trash is "suitable for collection." The D.P.W. has not responded to our question about what it means by "unsuitable for collection." The reason given seems spurious. Considering that most Cambridge residents have their trash picked up by the D.P.W., and considering that our collective property tax is approximately \$20000 annually, the D.P.W.'s refusal to pick up our trash is clearly unfair (and probably illegal). Are there any other departments in Cambridge that refuse to provide services for residents, such as the Police Department, the Fire Department, or the School Department? We hope that you can help us to resolve this problem. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Morris Rabinowitz*  
Morris Rabinowitz  
159 Hancock St.  
Cambridge, MA  
02139



# City of Cambridge

7.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 13, 1992

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is request to take note of the attached letter whereby the Department of Public Works refuses to pick up trash at 159 and 161 Hancock Street; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to establish and/or recommend without delay policies whereby the city provides the basic public service of rubbish removal to all its residents regardless of where they live.

City Council JAN. 13 1992

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

*Joseph E. Conorton*

City Clerk

*NON* CONSENT ORDER # 7 *F-4*

Councillor Duehay refusal to pick up trash  
at 159 and 161 Hancock Street.

In City Council,

January 13, 1992

*Order adopted*