

Cambridge, FEBRUARY 25 1993

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

BOSTON DUCK TOURS INC. HAS FORMALLY
REQUESTED TO THE CAMBRIDGE LICENSE
COMMISSION FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO PASS
THROUGH THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE WHILE
CONDUCTING A SIGHTSEEING BUSINESS BY AUTOMOBILE
UNDER CAMBRIDGE CITY ORDINANCE 5.20.350.
THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED BY THE COMMISSION
SOLY ON GROUNDS BEYOND THE JURISDICTION OF
THE LICENSE COMMISSION. AS A CONSEQUENCE,
BOSTON DUCK TOURS INC. RESPECTFULLY
REQUESTS TO BE HEARD BEFORE THE
CITY ~~OF~~ COUNCIL OF CAMBRIDGE ON MARCH 1, 1993
BEFORE ANY VOTE ON THIS MATTER IS TAKEN.
SINCERELY,
ANDREW NILSON
PRESIDENT, BOSTON DUCK TOURS INC. PHONE #227-5296

PETITION

Andrew Wilson, President,
Boston Duck Tours, Inc.

of _____
requesting a hearing regarding his
for petition for a license to conduct a
sightseeing business through the
No. City which was denied by the
License Commission.

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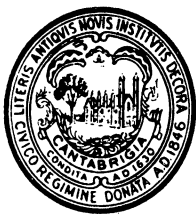
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Number Fourteen.*

In City Council, March 1 19 93

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Attest:

City Clerk.



CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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Commission Chairman

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HENRY BREEN
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RICHARD V. SCALI
Commission Executive Officer

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Alex Rodriguez, License Commission Chairman

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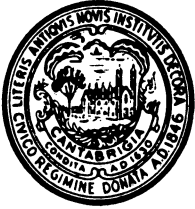
RE: Boston Duck Tours

DATE: February 25, 1993

On this date the License Commission was presented with a request for reconsideration of the Boston Duck Tours application for a jitney license and once again voted to recommend that the city not approve this license. While the tour has guarantees that the State Police, the City of Boston and The Harbor Master would respond to any equipment failure that may cause danger to passengers on the tour while in the Charles River, it is the Commission's position that the Cambridge Fire Department is still responsible for responding to a Charles River rescue. Chief Fitzgerald is the expert on this matter on our panel and we have concurred with his motion to deny on the basis that:

- A) The amphibious vehicle was built as a truck between 1943 and 1945 by General Motors and not as a passenger vehicle. Its very age raises safety concerns.
- B) The Cambridge Fire Department does not have the equipment to execute the river rescue that might be required. History indicates that Cambridge is called for river rescues even when other jurisdictions have priority responsibility.
- C) Safety Issues related to traffic as the vehicle enters Magazine Beach Boat Ramp. While we understand this is the MDC's call, it does effect Cambridge citizens.
- D) Environmental consideration due to the Clean Air Act. We have to consider how many large vehicle not covered by the same exhaust standard of an automobile we should be allowing in the city. This, as you know, is the basis of the Home Rule petition passed recently by the Council.

cc: Richard V. Scali
Chief Kevin J. Fitzgerald



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

March 1, 1993

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby transmitting a communication received from Alex Rodriquez, License Commission Chairman, relative to a request by the Boston Duck Tours for reconsideration of their application for a jitney license. Once again the License Commission has voted to recommend that the City not approve this license.

I concur with the License Commission not to approve the request.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 14 H-22

Request by the Boston Duck Tours for
reconsideration of their application
for a jitney license.

In City Council,

March 1, 1993

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Transportation
Committee for
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