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To the members of the City Council:

I wish to protest a policy which it is my understanding this Council has promulgated. My complaint lies with the new policy of not making a warning announcement on street cleaning mornings. In prior years the street cleaning supervisor always made a bullhorn announcement about twenty minutes before the commencement of street cleaning. This provided those who may have forgotten with adequate notice to move their cars.

The new silent "attack" policy appears to have no other purpose than as a revenue raising measure for the city. It has changed the previously civilized methods of this city to the open warfare of the Boston streets. I find this a dishonest form of taxation. If the city needs funds, they should be raised by direct taxation, not by preying upon the residents.

I assume that a supervisor still oversees the street sweeping process. If so, why can he not make the announcement? I see no other logic in your current policy except that which I have stated above, revenue raising. I urge you to rescind the current policy and reinstate the method previously in effect. I, for one, consider this a major issue for the next election.

Respectfully yours,


Lawrence E. Ober

Comm. from Lawrence Ober, 70-10 Kirkland St.
in opposition to the lack of warning announce-
ments giving notice of street cleanings to
residents, prior to the actual commencement of
street cleaning.

*copy sent to the City Manager
8/10/83 mch*

In City Council,

August 8, 1983

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Referred to the
City Manager for
Report -*