

FILE NO. 204180 ✓

Protest
OF
Hal Jermings

vs.

unwarranted noises made
in early morning hours
by garbage collectors
vicinity 1907 First Ave.

8/15/49 - Engr
8/30/49 - file + no copy

FILED Aug. 15, 1949.

W. C. THOMAS
CITY COMPTROLLER AND CITY CLERK

BY John B. Kellum DEPUTY

ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

REFERRED AUG 15 1949	TO PUBLIC SAFETY
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REF. FOR ORD.	C. B. ORD.
SEP 6 - 1949	DISPOSITION ON FILE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your Public Safety

Committee

to which was referred the within Protest

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

same be placed on file.

CHAIRMAN

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August 30, 1949

Mr. Hal Jennings
P. O. Box 958
Seattle 11, Washington

Dear Sir:

Your communication regarding unwarranted noises made by the garbage collectors in the vicinity of 1907 First Avenue was before the Public Safety Committee of the City Council at its meeting today.

After considering the report of the City Engineer, the Committee recommended that the petition be placed on file. Enclosed is a copy of the Engineer's report, which is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Heib, Jr.
Council Aide

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Encl.

August 26, 1949.

Mr. Wm. L. Norton, Chairman
Public Safety Committee
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

We are returning herewith your File No. 204180, being the complaint of Hal Jennings, concerning unwarranted noises made by the garbage collectors in the vicinity of 1907 First Avenue.

We have investigated this route and find that these collectors are men against whom we have very little complaint.

The ordinance requires that collection of garbage in this vicinity be made between the hours of 4:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. At 4:30 A.M., the time when Mr. Jennings says the men awaken him, the truck is nearly empty. The garbage, which usually contains numerous cans, bottles and jugs, makes considerable noise falling into the bottom of the steel bodied truck. Handling garbage cans, removing lids, dumping cans into the truck and replacing cans and lids cannot be accomplished without noise, be one ever so careful. At night noises seem much louder than in the daytime.

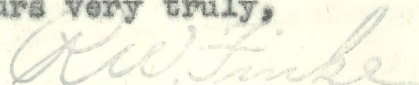
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We believe the collectors will make as little noise as possible in the future.

We recommend that the petition be filed.

Yours very truly,



R. W. FINKE,
City Engineer

CWG:mb
Enc.

THE CITY OF SEATTLE
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

R. W. FINKE, CITY ENGINEER
MEMBER, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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514 COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

WM. L. NORTON, CHAIRMAN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

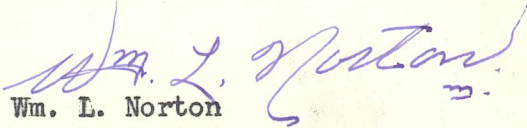
August 15, 1949

Mr. R. W. Finke
City Engineer
City of Seattle

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith File No. 204180, being protest of Hal Jennings vs. unwarranted noises made in early morning hours by garbage collectors vicinity of 1907 First Avenue, with the request that you return same, together with your report and recommendation in duplicate.

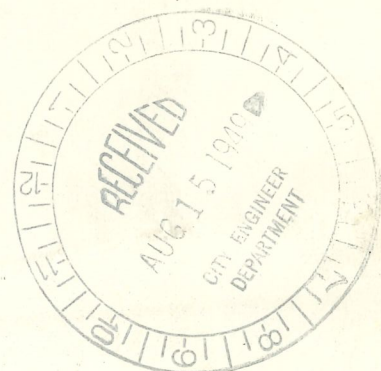
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Wm. L. Norton

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Att.

PLEASE FURNISH REPORT IN DUPLICATE



P. O. Box 958
Seattle, 11, Washington
August 12, 1949

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL,
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

No doubt, you have previously received complaints similar to the one that I am submitting herewith, regarding the unwarranted and very disturbing noises caused by the thumping, banging and tossing around of garbage cans by the men operating the garbage trucks and collecting the garbage in the early morning hours -- 4:30 o'clock to be exact.

I am an American by birth. Have resided in Seattle for the past thirty years. Am a voter and taxpayer and a law abiding citizen. My present abode is Fairmount Hotel, 1907 First Avenue, this City. Room #412.

The culprits in question are the fellows who collect the garbage with truck No. 135. The unbearable racket has been going on for months. About three weeks ago, I leaned out the window of my room and hollered to the fellows to cease making so much noise in handling the garbage cans. One of them retorted, "Ah, go to Hell, go back to bed!" That same day, I called at the office of Mr. Gerke, of the Engineering Department, and filed a complaint with him about the disturbances. Mr. Gerke treated me with due consideration and stated that he would endeavor to remedy the situation and that if it continued further for me to call on him again. I am sure that Mr. Gerke did act in the manner in which he stated he would, because subsequent noises have continued with more vehemence, done apparently as an act of reprisal. Not only do they throw the garbage cans around more violently, but one of the men will cross the street to pick up another can there and loudly holler to his companion on the opposite side nearest the hotel. Besides this, they holler morning greetings to passersby. Seemingly, this is all done to create a further disturbing factor.

I work pretty hard from 3:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily, arriving at my hotel room between 12:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m., and it is necessary that I get my required rest. To be awakened every morning at 4:30 o'clock by these, apparently, intentionally made noises caused by a couple of nincompoops is not only emotionally disturbing but is ~~not~~^{good} conducive to health as well.

Therefore, gentlemen, I bring this matter to your attention and sincerely trust that you will take the proper action to remedy the matter once and for all by putting a stop to it.

Respectfully,

Hal Jennings