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Harvard University Faculty of Arts & Sciences
60 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02142
Notice to Abutters
Request for Special Noise Variance Permit

Dear Neighbor,

Please be advised that the contractor working on Harvard University's Faculty of Arts & Sciences building at **60 Oxford Street** has initiated the process to obtain a special noise variance from the City of Cambridge License Commission to work extended hours on **Friday, July 22**, to facilitate the use of a crane on Oxford Street.

Approval of this variance will allow the contractor to extend its hours of operation on Friday, July 22, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. These two additional hours are necessary to allow for the setup and break down of the crane as well multiple material hoists to the roof of 60 Oxford Street on the 22nd. This work will close the section of Oxford Street between Everett Street and Hammond Street between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The following is a summary of the activities that will take place if the noise variance is granted:

- Approval of this variance will allow the contractor to extend standard work hours on Friday, July 22, to 7:00 p.m.
- Trucks will deliver the crane to Oxford Street in sections, and it will be assembled and disassembled on the street.
- The crane will conduct several material hoists to the roof of 60 Oxford Street throughout the day.
- Because the crane will need to sit on Oxford Street, the street will need to be closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles during these hours.
- Wayfinding signage will be posted on Oxford Street and throughout immediate neighborhood to provide detours for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists to ensure public safety during this construction activity.
- A Cambridge Police detail will be on Oxford Street during this operation to provide support.
- Neighbors can anticipate some additional noise on and around 60 Oxford Street as a result of this work due to the presence of work crews, increased activity, roof hoists, and other equipment in use, including the additional trucks required to deliver and remove sections of the crane from Oxford Street.
- *Please note, in the event of a delay due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the contractor will ask the City to use the noise variance on Saturday, July 23. This would*

allow the contractor to close Oxford Street between Hammond and Everett Streets, employ detours, and use the crane between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on that Saturday.

This application is under review by the City's Board of License Commissioners. You are receiving this notice of a variance request as a direct abutter of 60 Oxford Street in accordance with the City of Cambridge abutters notice policy. Public comment for consideration by the Board of License Commissioners regarding this application can be sent to noise@cambridgema.gov. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Harvard Construction Mitigation at 617-496-0857 or mitigation@csl-consulting.com.

Sincerely,

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