

'Harassing smokers' not their intent

Dear Sir,
We would like to thank Maxine Share, reporter and Marie Burch, political cartoonist for their coverage of the council meeting of July 21, 1987.

It was at this council meeting that we were perceived by some as "harassing smokers". This was definitely not our intention.

What we did want to get across however, was that each year in Canada many, many people are suffering and dying from second-hand smoke related illnesses.

Having our current by-law amended as we had requested to include the workplace and places accessible to the public, would have significantly increased the health protection not only for the non-smokers (70 per cent of adult Canadians), but also the smokers (9 out of 10 who want to quit but

require the support of the workplace environment and community to do so).

Up to 500 non-smokers die of lung cancer and 35,000 smokers die prematurely from tobacco related diseases in Canada each

Cycling's changed

Dear Sir,

What I want to bring to your attention is about bicycle riding today.

During the last half of the 18th century and early 19th century I did a lot of bicycle riding, and in those days, I had to have a bell and lights on my bicycle which I had to light up, as soon as the lamp lighter came around to light up.

Now they drive after dusk with no lights or bell, and twice they

year. Do the residents of Markham really want to become a statistic?

Evelyn Johnston,
Donna Bush
Markham

have pushed me as they passed — one even looked back to see if I was still standing.

Well, I may be near the century mark, and things sure have changed.

The good old days are gone, when one respected the others. What a change there has been in the last century. It's like living in a different country now.

Stephen Mew
Markham

ILLEGAL PARKERS BEWARE

Responding to a large number of complaints received recently by the Town of Markham regarding physically able persons parking their vehicles in spots reserved for the physically handicapped, Council recently followed the lead of several other major municipalities in increasing the penalty for such an offence from \$10 to \$50.

This new by-law comes into effect on August 1st, 1987. New parking tickets have been printed and are now being distributed to the Police Department and the various agencies that enforce this by-law on the parking lots of various shopping centres in Markham.

If you park your vehicle in a handicapped parking spot without the proper Provincial licence plate or authorized emblem from a municipality, you should expect to pay the hefty sum of \$50.

A number of persons have complained to the municipality after receiving a ticket for parking in a handicapped spot, while they are temporarily handicapped. The officer who issues these tickets has no way of knowing such a situation exists and the municipality cannot withdraw a ticket issued under these circumstances. In a case like this, The Town of Markham will simply advise the complainant to wait for a summons and tell it to the judge.

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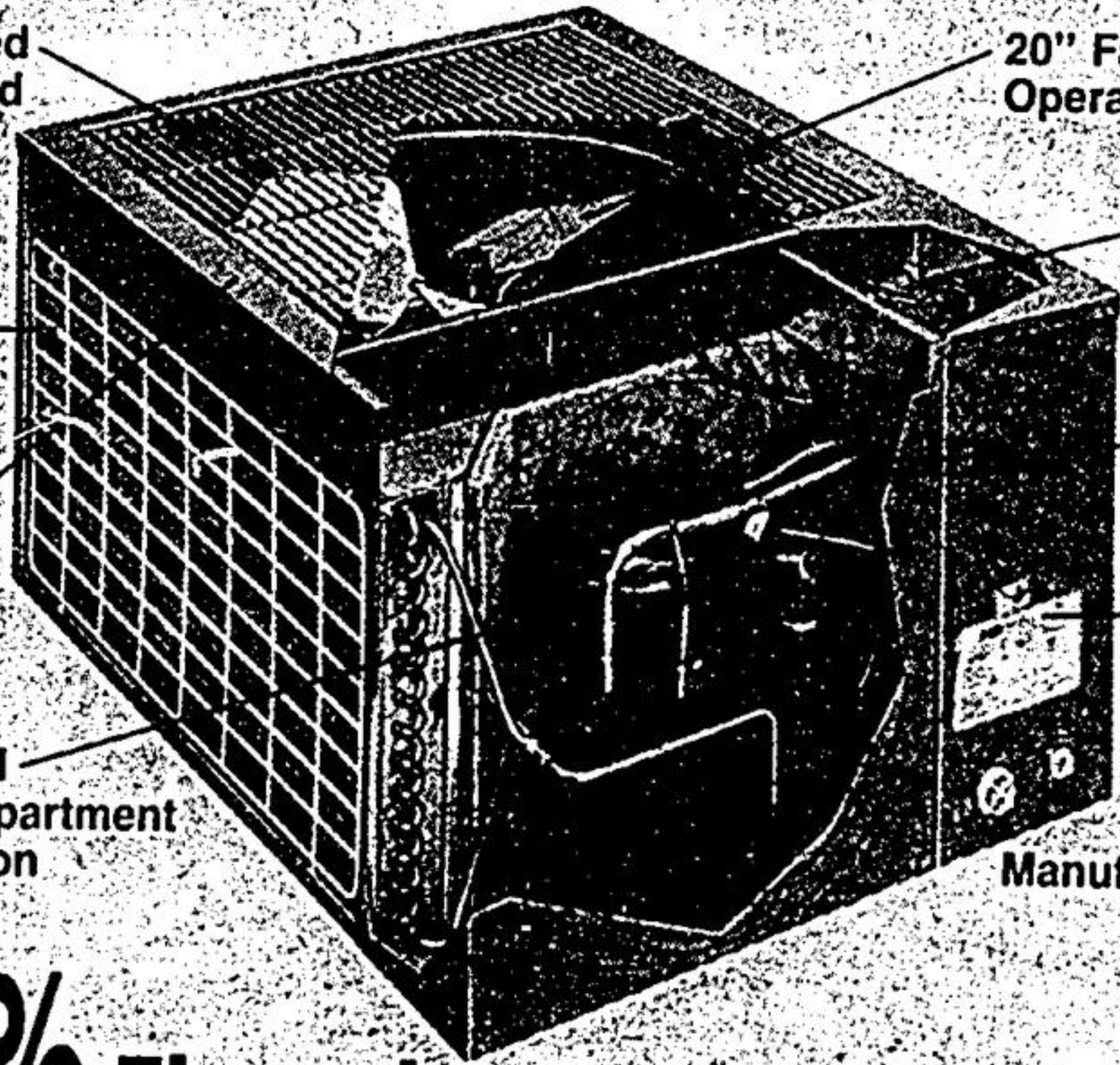
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