



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR WOLF

DECEMBER 21, 1987

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Committee on the Homeless has forwarded to the City Council an excellent report outlining its preliminary assessment and recommendations on some of the issues related to homelessness in the City; and

WHEREAS: The report points to the need for a long-term policy and strategy for appropriate, affordable housing in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: These recommendations provide a good starting point for development of a policy and action agenda; and

WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to begin that process; therefore be it

ORDERED: That it is the policy of the City of Cambridge to stimulate the creation of affordable housing units in the City, housing for people of low and moderate income and for people with special needs; and be it further

ORDERED: That the specifics of expanding and implementing this policy will be developed through the City Council, City departments and the continuation of the Mayor's Committee on the Homeless, and through involvement of members of the community and community groups; and be it further

ORDERED: As a first step in acting upon The Report of the Mayor's Committee on the Homeless, the City Council adopts the following:

1. In order to set some realistic goals, the Mayor's Committee will supply the City Council, on a regular basis, with the following estimates:
 - A. Unmet housing needs for presently houseless Cambridge residents.
 - B. Unmet housing needs for persons with special needs, including those remaining in institutions because there is no suitable available residence or in unsuitable settings.
 - C. Unmet housing needs for families, senior citizens or individuals of low and moderate income who are presently inappropriately housed.
2. In order to match these needs with existing housing opportunities, the Community Development Department will maintain an inventory of all housing units presently in operation, those in the construction stage, and those in a preliminary planning stage.

The inventory will include information on subsidized units, SROs, limited equity cooperatives, community residences, and other opportunities for low and moderate income people.

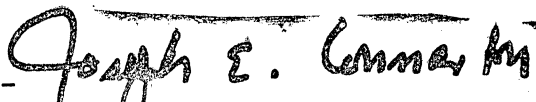
3. In order to develop possible sites not presently under consideration, the city will do a survey of all federal, state, and local government owned land located in the City of Cambridge, as well as a survey to locate all vacant buildings.

4. In order to focus on housing as a high priority concern, it will be the policy of the City Council to appoint housing advocates from the community, non-profits, and the professional staff to participate on all task forces and committees dealing with homelessness, housing, and related social issues.
5. In order to work toward the goal of insuring that there is adequate housing for people with special needs, the Community Development and the Human Services Department will review existing ordinances related to community residences and make recommendations for changes, if any, to the City Council.
6. In order to include persons and institutions with a broad range of expertise and resources to bring to bear on housing creation, the Mayor's Committee on the Homeless will expand the network of public and private institutions and community groups working on these issues.

In City Council December 21, 1987.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order #10

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Councillor Wolf order re: that as a first step in acting on the Report of the Mayor's Committee on the Homeless, the Council adopt certain measures listed in the text of this order.

In City Council,

December 21, 1987

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