



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 21, 1992

COUNCILLOR WALSH

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WHEREAS: The voucher mechanism has the potential to create chaos for and casualties among low and moderate income tenants as well as for property owners; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Executive Director of the Rent Control Board come before this Council on October 19, 1992 and discuss with the Council the ramifications of this Section 707 change within the City of Cambridge, particularly providing information as to how many rental units would be effected and its impact on providing housing for low and moderate income tenants.

In City Council September 21, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk



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October 19,

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William H. Walsh
City Councillor

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REMARKS: Councillor Walsh requests that the enclosed Council
Order regarding Section 707's changes be included in
the NON-CONSENT AGENDA for the Council Session of
September 21, 1992.

Signature of person in Councillor Walsh's office transmitting
this message.

David F. Noonan

Thank you for your customary courtesy and cooperation.



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SEP. 22 1992
by Council

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of 9 members

K. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

NON-CONSENT ORDER #9

F-394

Councillor Walsh re: Change of method
of payment of the Rental Subsidy Program
from certificate to vouchers.

In City Council,

September 21, 1992

Order adopted