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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

FROM: Michael P. Gardner
Personnel Director

DATE: January 4, 1991

SUBJECT: Council Order #10, Dec. 10, 1990, Re: Status of Police Chief on Licensing Commission

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Special Acts of the State Legislature in 1919 and 1922 specified that the Chief of Police for Cambridge shall be a member of the Board of License Commissioners.

Should the position of Police Chief continue to be funded and staffed after the appointment of a Police Commissioner, as is currently contemplated by the ordinance and the budget, the Police Chief would remain a member of the Board of License Commissioners with all attendant powers and responsibilities.

Should the position of Police Chief be abolished, as has been discussed from time to time, one of two outcomes is likely. Either sufficient legal precedent would be marshalled to support a determination by the City Law Department that the successor to the position of Police Chief, i.e. Police Commissioner, would be responsible to assume these duties, or legal precedent would be found to be sufficiently unclear as to require us to seek an amendment to the statute to clarify the membership on the Board.

No action has been taken to begin such a review, as the current structure contemplates continuation of the position of Police Chief.



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January 7, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 93, regarding the status of Police Chief on the Licensing Commission, please find attached a response from Michael P. Gardner, Personnel Director, concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

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Awaiting Report Item Number 93 regarding
the status of Police Chief on Licensing
Commission.

In City Council,

January 7, 1991

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