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December 1, 1980

Honorable City Council
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that a hearing regarding the leasing of taxicabs in Cambridge will be part of the agenda December 1, 1980. This notice was given to me a short time ago and due to a previous commitment, I respectfully request that discussion regarding this matter be postponed to a later date.

Thank you for your consideration.


By. Arthur S. Goldberg, President
CAMBRIDGE TAXI COMPANY



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Report on Leasing of Taxi Cabs

By letter dated November 10, 1980, Mr. Henry Yenovkian, an executive of the Taxi Drivers & Chauffeurs Union, informed that Cambridge Taxi was leasing its cabs in violation of this Board's rules and regulations for Hackney Carriage Owners and Drivers.

At its meeting on November 25, 1980, the Board unanimously voted that a letter of reprimand be sent out immediately to Cambridge Taxi ordering them to cease and desist in this unlawful practice. The Board will also instruct the City Solicitor to take whatever steps are necessary to lawfully enforce our rule if further violations occur.

Mr. Yenovkian recommends that Hackney carriage owners turn back their medallions in the event they no longer wish to hold them rather than transferring them to another party. This is a real problem as not only is the price involved but financing, repossessions, etc. This aspect would require considerable research before an equitable method of transfer could be worked out.

Mr. Yenovkian also mentions that many of the drivers have moved and not notified the Board. This is also a violation of our Rules and Regulations - one difficult to enforce. Taxicab drivers are usually persons who engage in this occupation for a few months and then move on. They could care less about notifying us of a change of address.

The other point that I thought significant was the question of fees for hackney carriage licenses. This fee could well be raised. Again, we should investigate what other cities and towns are charging so that ours would be competitive with theirs.

Mary E. Calnan



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November 28, 1980

Cambridge Taxi Company, Inc.
2 Bay Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Att: Mr. Arthur Goldberg

Re: Leasing of Hackney Carriages (taxicabs)

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

By letter dated November 10, 1980 this Board was advised that You are leasing taxicabs in Cambridge in violation of Rule 4, Part I of Rules and Regulations for Hackney Carriage Owners and Drivers.

At its meeting on November 25, 1980, the Board unanimously voted that you be sent a letter of reprimand with the warning that you immediately cease and desist your unlawful procedure of leasing taxicabs. Failure to do this will result in the suspension or possible revocation of your hackney carriage license for the vehicle involved after the necessary hearing. Meanwhile I have advised our City Solicitor of our decision and he will act promptly if any further violations occur.

Very truly yours,

Mary E. Calnan,
Chairman

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cc: Mr. Henry Yenovkian
Taxi Drivers & Chauffeurs Union
650 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. 02215

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Comm. from Mary E. Calnan, Chairman, License Commission, transmitting report on the Leasing of taxi cabs in the City of Cambridge.

In City Council,

Dec. 1, 1980

*Referred to
hearing at 6 PM,*