

# City of Cambridge

re: Townhouse <sup>DEVELOPMENT</sup> *Development nullification petition*  
Petition filed with the City Clerk *John R. Pitkin*  
*June 8, 1988*

(all hearing to be completed 65 days from filing date with the City Clerk)

*17 days June*

*31 days July*

*17 days Aug*

*65 days = August 17, 1988 = all hearing*

In City Council

*June 13, 1988*

Referred to the Planning Board for report

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Planning Board Hearing

*(City Council)*

(CITY COUNCIL must act within 90 days of the ~~Planning Board's~~ hearing which would be \_\_\_\_\_ .)

City Council hearing published

Hearing before the City Council

Report to the City Council

Passed to a second reading  
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Ready for Ordination  
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COMPLETION DATE:

*Placed in file due to expiration of time limit 8/17/88.*



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