



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 1974

Councillor Wylie

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- (2) Steps taken on petitions for rent decreases for sub-standard housing conditions pursuant to Section 7b #4 thru #6 of Chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970 and/or the case of the Boston Housing Authority vs. Hemingway; 293 NE 2nd 831, with a report on the number of petitions filed, decided upon, and pending and an analysis of such categories.
- (3) Steps taken to implement the Rent Control Board regulation series #45, giving tenants certain rights to seek triple damages in the case of over charges, with an analysis of all pending cases.
- (4) Steps which can be taken to ensure less burdensome processing of petitions for rent adjustments from landlords owning less than six (6) units.

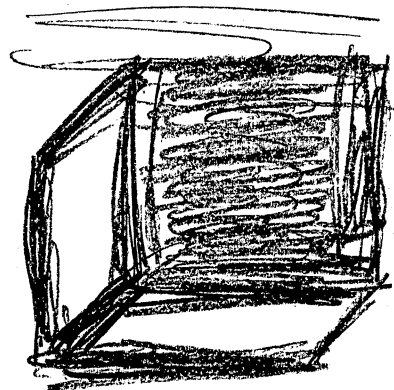
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AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL ORDINANCES

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CHAPTER 23.

RENT CONTROL



Pursuant to Chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970 the provision of this Chapter shall govern the administration of the Rent Control Board in the City of Cambridge.

SECTION I: Access to Records.

- (A) All forms, requests, petitions, documents, correspondence, records, tapes, reports, recording, decisions, policies, minutes, studies, computer print outs and other pertinent data in the files of the Rent Control Board shall be opened for review by any person during all working hours and can be photo copied for the cost of the reproduction, not including staff time, unless otherwise provided for in this Chapter.
- (B) Any tenant may request in writing, that the Board not divulge any information regarding that tenants rent or other information pertaining to that tenant alone. The staff of the Board shall respect such requests unless the Board has decided that good reason has been shown not to do so.

SECTION II: Fuel Cost Increases.

No landlord shall be entitled after the effective date of this section, to any increase in the maximum lawful rent based on any more than one half (1/2) of any increases in the cost of fuel.



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