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MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION SUBMITTED BY MAYOR Mayor Walter J. Sullivan

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

December 31, 1975

Date

Mayor Sullivan has notified the City Clerk of his intention to move reconsideration of the vote on the following order:

WHEREAS:

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WHEREAS:

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During this critical period, it is important that this honorable body take a position of leadership, fairness and unbiased concern for all of our citizens, therefore, in an effort to reconcile our city's divergent needs, be it

RESOLVED:

That the Cambridge City Council go on record as supporting the continuation of Chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970, with the following amendments:

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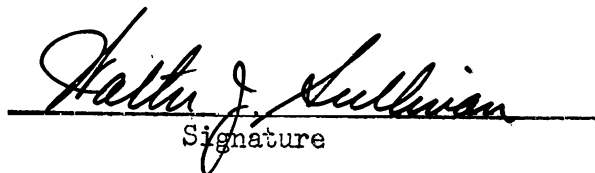
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3. When a tenant and the owner of his agent reach a mutual agreement on a rental charge for a unit which is in excess of the maximum rent authorized by the rent control board, such new rent shall become the maximum rent for said unit provided notice of such agreement is given to the rent control board in writing signed by both the tenant and the owner of his agent.
4. Upon receipt of written request for rent review from either a tenant or owner, or their agents, the Rent Control Board must hold such a hearing within 60 days, and must make its decision within 30 days of such hearing.


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2.
IN CITY COUNCIL
December 22, 1975

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Charter Righted by C. Danehy

Order by L. Sullivan - re Rent Control
City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

December 29 1975

8 Failed of Adoption

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann		✓		
Mr. Clinton		✓		
Mr. Danehy		✓		
Mr. Duehay		✓		
Mrs. Graham			✓	
Mr. Russell		✓		
Mr. Vellucci		✓		
Mr. Wylie		✓		
Mayor Sullivan	✓			
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Order #2 *5-509*
M. Sullivan resolutions on Rent Control.

Calendar #8

In City Council,
Dec. 22, 1975

Minor Right
By L. Danahy
12/29/75 Failed of
Adoption