



City of Cambridge

6.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 1984

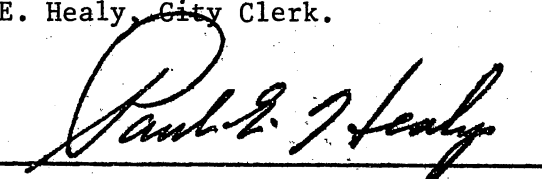
COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: Firearms, especially handguns, continue to pose severe dangers to the public safety, both because of their use in committing crimes and because of the serious risk of their accidental or casual discharge; and
- WHEREAS: Chapter 140, section 131 of the Massachusetts General Laws requires a person who possesses or carries a firearm to obtain a license from the Chief of Police, who may issue such a license only if he finds that the applicant is a "suitable person"; and
- WHEREAS: The state Appeals Court, in Chief of Police v. Mayor, 16 Mass. App. Ct. 543, 453 N.E.2d 461, further appellate review denied, 390 Mass. 1104 (1983), recently gave wide authority to local police chiefs to refuse such licenses; therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Council declare it to be the policy of the City of Cambridge to establish strict standards for issuing licenses to carry firearms, and to issue such licenses only in rare and exceptional circumstances; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager ascertain from the Chief of Police what standards he applies and will apply in issuing such licenses, and report in writing to the City Council as soon as possible.

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 Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.
 Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


 Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order # 6

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C.D. Sullivan order re: City Manager to ascertain from the Police Chief what standards he applies & will apply to the issuance of licenses to carry firearms & policy of the City Council that Cambridge establish strict standards for the issuance of same.

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