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Dear Municipal Official:

As you are no doubt aware, on December 22, 1975, the Governor signed Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975 which created a new zoning law for the Commonwealth. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that on July 1, 1978, all provisions of the new Zoning Act will be in effect.

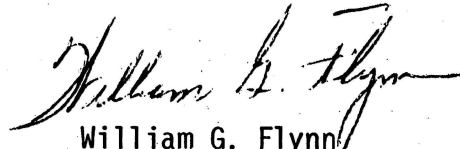
The intent of the new law was to simplify and improve municipal zoning administration in the Commonwealth. For example, the new act contains provisions for a uniform notice procedure for hearings as well as mandatory time limitations for filing zoning decisions. Further, the new act mandates that the building inspector be responsible for the enforcement of zoning ordinances and by-laws.

Even if your community has not accepted the provisions of the Zoning Act or brought its by-law or ordinance into conformance with the provisions of the act, please be advised that your community will still be subject to all of the provisions of the new law as of July 1, 1978.

Over the past two years, the Department has been providing a wide range of technical assistance and information services to municipalities to assist you in complying with the provisions of the new Zoning Act.

However, the Zoning Act has several technical deficiencies and problem areas that need to be addressed. We encourage you to direct inquiries as to the regulatory aspects and workability at the local level of the new act to us; this will assist us in considering corrective legislation. Correspondence concerning the Zoning Act should be addressed to the Office of Local Assistance. Questions will also be answered by telephone at (617) 727-3197 or on our toll-free line at 800-392-6445.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William G. Flynn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

William G. Flynn
Executive Office of Communities
and Development

City of Cambridge

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Comm. from the Executive Office of Communities and Development re: Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975.

In City Council,
July 10, 1978

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