



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 28, 1986

COUNCILLOR WALSH

- WHEREAS: As the City of Cambridge reassesses property up to full and fair cash value, the increased value of property threatens to impose a hardship on those least able to afford a tax increase; and
- WHEREAS: Single family homes in the Greater Boston area and in particular in Cambridge, appreciated at a greater pace than in any major city in the United States between 1982 and 1985 with dramatic increases in multiple dwellings as well; and
- WHEREAS: There is now a bill before the Massachusetts Legislature that would allow cities and towns to double the abatements, provided to the elderly, the blind, disabled veterans and surviving spouses of firefighters and police officers who are killed in the line of duty; and
- WHEREAS: Without this legislation, the property taxes of our elderly residents would increase, some to unaffordable levels, the City of Cambridge should be willing to absorb the cost of increased exemption levels in order to protect long time home owners; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record as supporting the aforementioned bill in the Legislature which would allow Cambridge and all other Massachusetts cities and towns to double the abatements for elderly and certain others and that this City Council's support be communicated to our representatives in the Legislature.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

Order #6

S-257

C. Walsh re: resolutions supporting a bill in the Mass. Legislature that would allow cities & towns to double real estate tax abatements for elderly, blind, disabled veterans & surviving spouses of firefighters & police killed in the line of duty.

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C. Walsh

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