



City of Cambridge

2.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 1975

Councillor Duehay

WHEREAS:

It is the right of every tenant in the City of Cambridge to live in housing that is free of violations of the Health and Sanitary Code, and

WHEREAS:

Landlords should be protected from tenants who cause code violations and attempt to place the fault with the landlord, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the Cambridge City Council request the City Solicitor to draft in its final form and advertise for a first reading an ordinance regarding the adoption of a Certificate of Fitness, to be included in the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge as follows:

PROPOSED OCCUPANCY PERMIT ORDINANCE

Certificate of Fitness

Whenever a rented dwelling unit, apartment, or tenement, other than a hotel or motel, is vacated by the occupant or occupants thereof, or within ten (10) days before the expiration date of the anticipated vacancy, such unit must be certified by the Department of Health and Hospitals or its agents, prior to being reoccupied by a new occupant, as meeting the standards set forth in "The Sanitary Code, Article II, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation" as promulgated and from time to time amended by the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the authority of General Laws, Chapter III, Section 127A. If, after inspection of the premises by the Department of Health and Hospitals or its agents, the Department of Health and Hospitals determines that the owner should be given time to make repairs necessary to qualify for certification and the health and safety of any occupant is not thereby endangered, the Department of Health and Hospitals may issue a temporary occupancy permit not to exceed thirty (30) days. No extension or renewals of this temporary occupancy permit shall be issued. Any owner or lessor of such property used for dwelling purposes failing to comply with this regulation shall

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pay a fine of \$20. each and every day he allows any person or persons to live, occupy, or inhabit the said premises without having received an occupancy permit from the Department of Health and Hospitals. Information concerning whether or not a Certificate of Fitness has been issued by the Department of Health and Hospitals for a particular unit shall be a matter of public record. Upon issuance of such certificate it shall be prominently posted in the unit for which it was issued.

City Council. Feb. 24, 1925

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 8 members

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Order # 263

C. Duehay re: Certificate of Fitness.

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City Solicitor 2/26/75 dl.*

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