



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 16, 1991

COUNCILLOR WALSH

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WHEREAS: The content of this handbill is a perfect personification of the abuse of the present rent control process because it denies moderate and low income housing to those whom rent control is supposed to serve and subsidizes the financially well-to-do at the expense of those who are not; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager request the City Solicitor to draft appropriate legislation whereby tenants in rent-controlled units will be prohibited from subletting any such said requested draft of legislation be transmitting to the City Council with all due haste and be heard by the City Council's Ordinance Committee as soon as possible thereafter.

**REFERRED TO THE RENT CONTROL COMMITTEE ON MOTION
OF COUNCILLOR MYERS.**

RENT CONTROL

STUDIO

\$ 320⁰⁰ / MO

\$ 1000⁰⁰ FEE

BEAUTIFUL RENT CONTROLLED STUDIO APARTMENT AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1 AS A ONE YEAR SUBLET TO A PROFESSIONAL PERSON OR A GRADUATE STUDENT. RENT IS \$320.00 PER MONTH WHICH INCLUDES HEAT. LOCATION IS ONE HALF BLOCK FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN AN EXCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH IS VERY SAFE. APARTMENT HAS HARDWOOD FLOORS AND NEW KITCHEN FLOOR. SUBLET RENEWABLE AT NO EXTRA FEE AFTER ONE YEAR IS UP. THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST HOUSING DEAL YOU ARE GOING TO FIND IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM SEEKING \$1000.00 TO LET THIS BABY GO. CALL ME AND LEAVE MESSAGE AT 661-2051.

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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 498-9094

William H. Walsh
City Councillor

BY HAND

September 5, 1991

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

FROM: David Noonan, for
Councillor Walsh

RE: Council Order (NON CONSENT AGENDA) for
Monday, September 16, 1991

Councillor Walsh requests that the enclosed Council Order regarding prohibition of fees being charged by rent control tenants who desire to sublet their rent-controlled unit be included in the NON CONSENT AGENDA for the Council Session on September 16, 1991.

As usual, your courtesy and cooperation are appreciated.

(ENCLOSURE)

CC: Councillor Walsh



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(ATTACHMENT)

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Non-Consent Order # 37 F-484

Councillor Walsh re: prohibition of fees
being charged by rent control tenants who
sublet their rent controlled units.

In City Council,

Sept. 16, 1991

Referred to Rent Control
Committee by Councillor
Myers.
Copy sent to Rent Control
Comm. 9/18/91 Rde.