

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Board of Assessors

DATE: June 1, 2001

SUBJECT: Board of Assessors' Vote to Request the Commissioner of Revenue's Authorization to Issue FY02 Preliminary Tax Bills

As you know, FY02 is a triennial certification year for Cambridge. The Assessing Department is conducting its valuation procedures with the handicap of the resignation of Sally Powers, the statistician for the computerization of values, and the hiring of a new manager for the residential section.

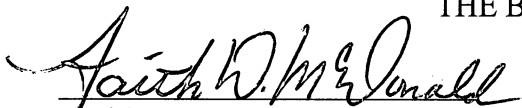
Although we are proceeding for a timely completion of values for the Fall, 2002 billing, the Board of Assessors determine it to be wise to seek the approval from the Commissioner of Revenue to issue Notice of Preliminary Tax.

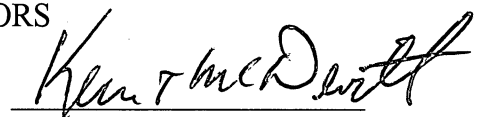
While the Board of Assessors do not anticipate any unusual delays in obtaining final certification, given the aforementioned circumstances, we thought it prudent for the City to be prepared for a worst-case scenario and issue preliminary (estimated) tax bills for the first-half billing.

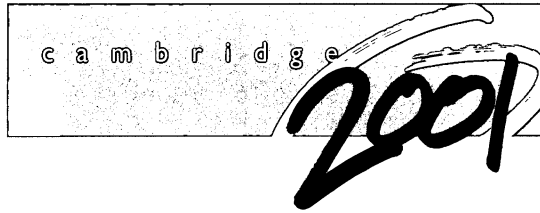
For the City to receive approval from the Commissioner of Revenue, the Assessors must have voted to take this action on or before August 15, 2001. A vote to request approval to issue preliminary tax bills does not obligate the city to do so if subsequent events enable the timely setting of a tax rate and mailing of tax bills. Chapter 59, Section 23D of Massachusetts General Laws requires that the Assessors inform the City Council immediately of its vote.

Please accept this memorandum as such notice and inform the City Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Submitted by:
THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS


Faith D. McDonald
Acting Director


Kevin T. McDevitt
Principal Assessor



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Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

June 18, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your information, a communication from the Board of Assessors regarding the Board's vote to request the Commissioner of Revenue's authorization to issue FY02 preliminary tax bills.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment



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Consent Agenda #6

Board of Assessor's vote to
request the Commissioner of
Revenue's authorization to issue
FY02 preliminary tax bills.

In City Council June 18, 2001

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