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the Comm. of Ins. Services
with the view in mind of investigating
the current ^{intolerable & health threatening} situation with the
Dumpsters ~~at~~ ^{behind} the 2368 Mass. Ave
location (Corner of Mass Ave and Dudley
Street)

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actually pay 40%, 50% and even 60% of their limited incomes as rent.

To make up, in part, for the loss of the utility allowances, EOCD is proposing a "heat deduction." However, EOCD acknowledges that the heat deduction does not reflect actually heating costs. For example, a tenant in a three-bedroom unit would save about \$180 on the rent per year under EOCD's heat deduction proposal, yet the actual heating costs could easily exceed \$800 per year.

3. EOCD is severely restricting the deduction for income earned by full-time students. Again, this change is not required by the recent changes in state law. In effect, EOCD is taking away incentives for tenants to get an education and to get jobs that will move them out of public housing. This policy is extremely short-sighted. The restrictions on the student income deduction may also be illegal, under G. L. c. 121B, §44.

EOCD is also restricting the deduction for expenses incurred by a full-time student. If the student has no income and the parents pay the tuition and fees, there will be no deduction allowed for educational expenses.

4. EOCD is now requiring local housing authorities to count foster care payments as income to the foster parents.

5. As a further disincentive for public housing tenants to find gainful employment, EOCD is eliminating the deduction for "unusual occupational expenses not compensated for by the employer" (such as tools, uniforms, and special equipment).

For more information about the rent regulation, contact Charlie Harak at Mass Law Reform, 617 742-9250. **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT TENANTS CAN DO TO OPPOSE THESE NEW REGS IS TO SHOW UP AT THE HEARING AND TESTIFY!!!!**



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 24, 1991

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services with the view in mind of investigating the current intolerable and health threatening situation with the dumpsters behind the 2368 Massachusetts Avenue location, corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Dudley Street.

In City Council June 24, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

Order # 60

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Councillor Toomey re: dumpster at
2368 Mass. Ave.

In City Council,

June 24, 1991

ORDER ADOPTED