



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 1974

ORDERED:

That the City Council go on record as favoring an amendment to Section Eight of Chapter 844 of the Acts of 1970 the same being "An Act Relating to the Parking Facilities in the City of Cambridge" to provide for an increase in the amount of bonds or notes that the City of Cambridge may issue from time to time from \$4,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

In City Council May 20, 1974.

Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 1; Absent 0.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy,

ATTEST:-

Paul E. Healy
CITY CLERK

Suggested Form of City Council Order to Petition the
General Court for An Amendment to Section 8 of Chapter
844 of the Acts of 1970 so as to Increase the Amount
of Bonds or Notes That May be Issued Under That Act

ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Cambridge hereby petitions the General Court for the passage of a special law to amend the first sentence of Section 8 of Chapter 844 of the Acts of 1970 entitled "An Act Relating to Parking Facilities in the City of Cambridge" so as to increase the aggregate amount of bonds or notes which the City may issue from time to time for purposes of said act from \$4,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

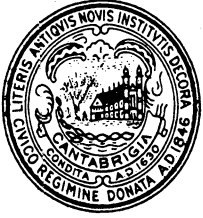
Approved _____

City Manager

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT
OF BOND OR NOTES WHICH THE CITY
OF CAMBRIDGE MAY ISSUE FOR
PARKING FACILITIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 8 of chapter 844 of the acts of 1970 is hereby amended by striking out, in the first sentence, the words "four million" and inserting in place thereof the words:— fifteen million.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

May 20, 1974

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your consideration is an Order which would authorize submission of a Home Rule Bill to the Legislature increasing the authorization for borrowing for parking facilities from \$4 million to \$15 million.

In 1970 the City Council authorized submission of a Home Rule Bill which, upon adoption, became Chapter 844 of the Acts of 1970, the Cambridge Parking Facilities Act. Essentially that Act authorizes the City of Cambridge to borrow money for the construction of parking facilities and to engage in a number of actions necessary to provide parking facilities throughout the City. The original Cambridge Home Rule Bill did not place a limitation on the amount of money the City of Cambridge could borrow for parking purposes; however, the Legislature inserted the limitation of \$4 million.

Bonds issued under this Act are general obligation bonds of the City, are inside the statutory debt limit, and are not much different than bonds for other purposes such as library, public buildings, sewers, etc. They are not revenue bonds although we anticipate that all parking bonds will be paid by the proceeds from the Parking Fund which draws on revenue from parking users.

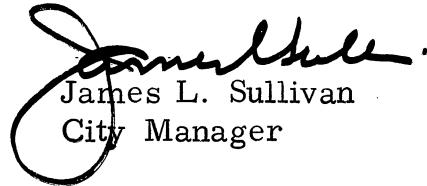
To date the City Council has authorized, and we have sold, \$1,500,000 for the Central Square garage as part of the Green-Franklin Project. That leaves \$2,500,000 of remaining borrowing authorization under Chapter 844. The last Capital Improvements Program, Fiscal Year 1974-1979, on pages 132-136, indicates that parking garages are being considered for Harvard Square, East Cambridge, Kendall Square and the Cambridge Common. We would not be able to undertake more than one small garage within the borrowing authorization remaining. Thus we will need permission from the Legislature to continue with even a modest off-street garage parking program. A figure of \$15 million is suggested as a suitable statutory limit so that we do not have to repeatedly petition the Legislature for an increase in the borrowing authorization for each and every garage.

To: The City Council (cont.)

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No money will actually be borrowed and no garage construction will be authorized until each garage is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Cambridge City Council. ,I anticipate that each garage proposal will be reviewed on its merits. I should also note that construction of parking garages and borrowing for parking purposes has no effect on the real estate tax levy or the City's tax rate since all money for that purpose comes from the Parking Fund which derives its revenue from the users of parking facilities.

Respectfully submitted,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Home Rule Bill.

In City Council,

May 20, 1974

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C. Donohy requested to be
recorded in the
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