



City of Cambridge

Introduced by Councillor
Duehay.

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-five

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 11 entitled: "Health and Housing," Article III entitled: "Housing Code Regulations" is hereby amended by adding after Section 11-9, the following new sections:

Section 11-10 entitled: Change of Occupancy Certificate

Whenever a dwelling unit, apartment, or tenement, other than a hotel, motel, lodging house or dormitory is vacated by the occupant or occupants thereof, or within ten (10) days before 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 State 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 Law, 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 certificate not to exceed thirty (30) days. No extension or renewals of this temporary certificate shall be issued. Any owner or lessor of such property used for dwelling purposes failing to comply with this regulation shall pay a fine of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) each and every day he allows any person or persons to live, occupy, or inhabit the said premises without having received a change of occupancy certificate from the Department of Health and Hospitals. Information concerning whether or not a Certificate 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 of Cambridge

Each unit shall be required to be certified only once in any given twelve (12) month period. Any building, construction of which was completed within five (5) years of the effective date of this Ordinance and any unit or units in an owner occupied single, two or three family house shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 11-11

All lodging houses, dormitories, hotels and motels shall be inspected annually for purposes of determining whether they meet the standards set forth in "The State Sanitary Code, Article II, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation".

Passed to a second reading at a meeting of the City Council held on _____ and on or after _____ the question may be on passing to be ordained.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Comm. from Councillor Duehay transmitting
a proposed ordinance re: to a certificate
of occupancy.

SEP 29 1975

In City Council,
September 29, 1975

9/29/75
To Dad. Committed
Also to
Planning Dept - Study
and Report
No Report Received
12/29/75 Placed on File