

City of Cambridge

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In City Council September 9, 2002

The Ordinance Committee held a public meeting on July 31, 2002, beginning at 4:20 P.M. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Smoking Ordinance, Chapter 8.28 of the Municipal Code.

Present at the hearing were Councillor David P. Maher and Councillor Brian Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Committee, Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis, Councillor Marjorie C. Decker, Councillor Anthony D. Galluccio, Councillor Kenneth E. Reeves, Councillor E. Denise Simmons, Mayor Michael A. Sullivan, City Clerk D. Margaret Drury and Elaine McGrath, City Clerk's office. Also present was Harold Cox, Cambridge Chief Public Health Officer.

Councillor Murphy convened the hearing and explained the purpose. He then asked Chief Public Health Officer Cox to make a presentation on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Cox asked the Committee to consider the proposed ordinance as a way to protect all workers from second-hand smoke. He described the current ordinance and the need for change. Chapter 8. 28 now offers limited protection for some workers. The protection against second-hand smoke does not cover workers in bars and restaurants, which are subject to a complicated set of rules and exceptions. So far, Cambridge has taken a number of incremental steps to make workplaces smoke-free; this ordinance is an important next step. Under the proposal, all restaurants would be 100% smoke-free; hotels and smoke shops could still permit smoking, and the exceptions are otherwise the same as they were in the 1999 ordinance and include dormitories, inns and religious ceremonies. In the last revision to the ordinance in 1999, it was clear that to move forward, Cambridge needed to work with surrounding communities, which were also discussing ways to protect the rights and health of all workers; it has done so as part of the Clean Air Works coalition. (**Attachment A** describes Clean Air Works, and outlines the proposed ordinance). Mr. Cox also introduced a Kiley & Company 2002 survey of residents in 14 area cities and towns including Cambridge on second-hand smoke issues (**Attachment B**).

Chief Public Health Officer Cox then introduced a number of speakers in support of the proposal.

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Consent Communication #3

Committee Report from Councillor
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**REPORT ACCEPTED.
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