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December 16, 1970

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

Commissioner Charkoudian has asked me to respond to your letter of December 2, 1970, and the enclosed inquiry from the Cambridge City Council as to whether any landlords may be exempted from a general roll-back of rent in Cambridge before hearings have been held as specified by Chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970.

Without question, the standard rent control provisions contained in said statute do require that the tenant be notified and advised of his rights to request a hearing and that, if requested, the public hearing be held prior to an exemption of a landlord from the general roll-back of rents. As long as the city of Cambridge enacts this particular standard act, then the city's rent control agencies are bound by these provisions of Section 8.

I hope this will help resolve this particular question for Cambridge. Please let me know if our agency can be of further assistance in these or related matters.

Sincerely yours,

MacDonald Barr
Deputy Commissioner

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Communication from MacDonald Barr, Deputy
Commissioner, Dept. of Community Affairs,
Comm. of Mass. in response to Council order
inquiring as to whether any landlords may
be exempted from the general roll-back of
rents in Cambridge before hearings have been
held as specified by Chapter 842 of the
Acts of 1970

December 21, 1970

*Copies to all Councilors
Send to Rent Control for
Report and Recommendations*