



City of Cambridge

Amended copy
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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 1981

COUNCILLOR DAVID SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS:** Chapter 40, section 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws, both as it now exists and as it would be amended by House Bill No. 7047 now on the Governor's desk, provides that the board of assessors with the approval of this City Council shall adopt a residential factor to determine what portion of the total property tax levy shall be borne by residential property, once the Commissioner of Revenue has certified that this city is assessing property at full and fair cash valuation; and
- WHEREAS:** In their status report on revaluation dated September 14, 1981, the assessors "recommend...a policy...that would maintain the same burden of taxation that presently exists between residential property and commercial and industrial property;" and
- WHEREAS:** Although final data are not yet available, present indications are clear that such a policy would result in significant tax increases for many residential parcels because of present valuation disparities within the residential class, while causing significant tax decreases for many commercial and industrial parcels because of implementation of Proposition 2½; and
- WHEREAS:** This City Council finds it unfair that such commercial and industrial landowners will receive large windfalls while many residential homeowners pay higher property taxes; therefore be it
- ORDERED:** That the City Council declares it to be the policy of the City of Cambridge to establish the residential factor at the minimum to be furnished by the Department of Revenue; and be it further
- ORDERED:** That the Acting City Manager communicate this policy to the board of assessors for their consideration in performing their duties under the state statute.

In City Council September 28, 1981.
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of
9 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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WHEREAS:

This City Council finds it unfair that such commercial and industrial landowners will receive large windfalls while many residential homeowners pay higher property taxes; therefore, be it

ORDERED:

That the City Council declares it to be the policy of the City of Cambridge to ~~exercise its classification powers in such a way as to maintain for fiscal 1982 at least~~ the same total dollar amount of property taxes paid by all industrial and commercial property as in fiscal 1981, thus applying ^{the entire} tax reduction required by Proposition 2 1/2 to residential property, to the ~~full extent permitted by the minimum residential factor~~ to be furnished by the Department of Revenue; and be it further

establish the residential factor at the minimum

And the residential exemption at the minimum for one year
[Signature]

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MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

Sept 21

1981

#6 Order as amended

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Kevin P. Crane	✓			
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Ms. Sandra Graham	✓			
Mr. Leonard J. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Mr. David A. Wylie	✓			
Mayor Francis H. Duehay	✓			

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Order # 6

F-320

C. D. Sullivan order re: City Council sets policy to maintain for FY 82 amount of property taxes paid by all industrial and commercial property as in FY 81, thus applying the entire tax reduction required by Prop. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

9/28/81

QDS Order Adopted
Approving Filing of
Legislation as Amended
After Council Hearing

In City Council,

September 28, 1981