



City of Cambridge

O-13.
Amended Order
IN CITY COUNCIL

April 3, 2000

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has declared affordable housing to be its highest priority;
and

WHEREAS: The assessments of homes continue to increase more rapidly than the income of many
Cambridge homeowners; and

WHEREAS: Filling the need for more affordable housing requires an increase in available housing
units; and

WHEREAS: The Council continues to develop new initiatives and incentives for homeowners to keep
units affordable; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge residents continue to be forced out of the community due to the cost in the
rental market; and

WHEREAS: Many homeowners who are committed to keeping units affordable are forced to pass the
cost of taxes on to their tenants; and

WHEREAS: Many Cambridge homeowners are committed to preserving their neighborhood and
know many of their neighbors rely on affordable/sustainable rents to stay in Cambridge;
now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to convene a task force of citizens and
City staff to study all of the potential incentives relating to property taxes, including but
not limited to tax abatements, that the City can offer to homeowners who are committed
to keeping their rental units affordable to low and moderate income tenants; and be it
further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consider appointing the Assistant City Manager for Finance, the Community Development Housing Director and the Director of the Office of Assessors to this task force; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to look into possible legal mechanisms, for example home rule petitions, to effectuate this goal; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Task Force report back to the City Council.

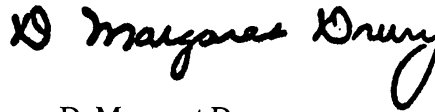
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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

**ORDER AND RESPONSE REFERRED BACK TO FINANCE COMMITTEE
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DECKER.**



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Councillor Decker

In City Council April 3, 2000

ORDER ADOPTED

*as amended and
refer order and
response back to
Finance Committee.*

4-5-00

*Cops sent to
Councillor Sullivan
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