



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**To** James L. Sullivan, City Manager

**Date** December 17, 1980

**From** Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

**Reference**

**Subject**

Committee report on the recodification of the General Ordinances.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the committee report of the Committee on Ordinances on the recodification of the General Ordinances.

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# City of Cambridge

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In City Council.....December 15, 1980.....

**The Ordinance Committee**

**to which** comprised of the entire membership of the City Council was referred the proposed recodification of the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge and known and designated as THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE as revised in 1972 met on December 10, 1980 in the City Council Chamber.

Presiding: Councillor David A. Wylie, Chairman, Committee on Ordinances.

Present: City Solicitor Russell Higley, Deputy City Manager Robert Healy, Linda Neary of the Law Department, City Clerk Paul E. Healy and Deputy City Clerk Joseph E. Connarton.

Deputy City Manager Robert Healy stated that the City Solicitor's Office has received the individual recommendation of the Department Heads for that portion of the City Ordinances which affect the operation of their departments, that a review of their suggestions were being incorporated into the draft for Council consideration. Mr. Healy further stated that there were a few changes in their recommendations that should be reviewed prior to final action by the City Council on the recommendation of the City Solicitor.

City Solicitor Russell Higley indicated that any substantial changes in the proposed draft should be recommended by the City Manager particularly in the areas of Administration, including the Budget and Personnel Departments.

Councillor Wylie stated that the Manager should submit his recommendations to the City Council by attachment to the draft prepared by the City Solicitor that after the City Council has acted the City Manager could then present the substantial changes when the Recodification is printed in draft form.

Deputy City Manager Robert Healy stated that the substantial changes were not numerous and could be submitted to the City Council for their consideration.

Councillor Wylie stated that the changes could be inserted in the draft when approved by the City Council.

Councillor David Sullivan stressed the necessity of having the opportunity to study the draft prior to voting on it and submitted his recommendation that the revised ordinances be printed in a loose leaf binder notebook which would allow for the insertion of all amendments and provide an up to date ordinance book at all times for the use of the public and city officials with a descriptive word index in addition to the Chapter listings.

Councillor Wylie inquired as to the method of financing the ordinance revision and how the estimated cost of \$5,000 would be provided for.

Deputy City Manager Robert Healy replied that a transfer from the Reserve Fund would be required.

Councillor Wylie stated that the City Manager should secure at least three bids for the publication of the revised version for the consideration of the City Council and stated that the specification should include the publication of the City Charter as amended, the Special Acts affecting the City of Cambridge, Acts of the Legislature adopted by the City Council, the General Ordinances of the City, a provision for updating the Ordinances in the front portion of the book, a revised ordinance comparative table showing the changes which have occurred.

Councillor David Sullivan stated that the actual cost of printing should be recovered by the sale of the publications to the public at a price to accomplish this result.

Councillor Wylie stated that any substantial changes would be referred to the City Manager but would not be included in the current draft that the City Solicitor's Office should contact Robert Sidney in this matter regarding any changes and report same to the City Council.

City Solicitor Russell Higley informed the Committee that two votes would be required for the revision, the first one would abolish the present ordinances and a second vote for the amended version.

Councillor David Sullivan moved that the report of the Committee include a recommendation that the revised ordinances be printed in a loose leaf notebook and that the recodification be favorably reported to a second reading.

Councillor Wylie moved that the recodification as prepared by the City Solicitor and considered by the Ordinance Committee with attached changes which are not substantial and in accordance with law, be reported favorably to the City Council with the further provision that the City Manager submit the substantial changes which have been proposed for the consideration of the City Council.

There being no objection, the motions as submitted were -

adopted and the recodification will be presented to the City Council meeting of December 15, 1980.

For the Committee,

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Councillor David A. Wylie,  
Chairman.

