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August 2, 1937.

The Honorable, The Members of the City Council,
City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sirs:-

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Order under date of July 23, 1937, requesting my opinion as to whether or not the City Council has the right to determine the number of police stations that shall be maintained by the city.

I have the honor to advise you that under the provisions of G. L., (Ter. Ed.), C. 40, S. 21, you are given power over the prudential affairs of the city to preserve peace and good order and to maintain the internal police.

Since the maintenance of the internal police necessarily requires the provision and location of police stations, the City Council may validly provide for the location and number of police stations to be maintained by the city.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. McLaughlin
City Solicitor.

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Communication from the City Solicitor in response to an order of the City Council adopted on July 23, 1937 requesting his opinion as to whether or not the City Council has the right to determine the number of police stations that shall be maintained by the City.

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In City Council

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