

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... January 12, 1987

The Ordinance **Committee** comprised of the entire membership of the City Council conducted a public hearing on Thursday, January 8, 1987 beginning at 7:20 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of reviewing a proposed amendment to the General Ordinances on the petition of the City Manager relative to the establishment of a new penalty for the violation of City Ordinances.

City Solicitor Russell B. Higley appeared before the Committee and supported the proposed amendment, indicating that the proposed maximum fine of \$300. is consistent with recently enacted State legislation allowing municipalities to increase the fine limitation.

Mayor Walter Sullivan stated he was opposed to any such increase.

Councillor Walsh stated he was opposed to any such increase.

Councillor Wolf stated she thought this would allow judicial discretion for violators of City Ordinances who appear before District Court judges.

Councillor Duehay agreed and stated that he supports the ordinance and feels that too often public buildings are defaced and destroyed without sufficient recognition of the ordinance or a stiff penalty being imposed.

Both Councillor Duehay and Mayor Sullivan moved to Table this matter for further study, pending a report from the City Solicitor as to the number of ordinances currently in existence that provide even higher penalties.

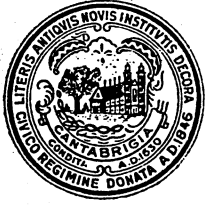
The hearing was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor William H. Walsh
Chairman

REPORT

Committee on



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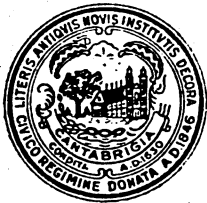
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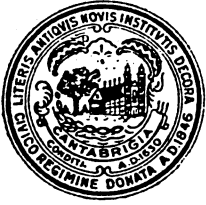
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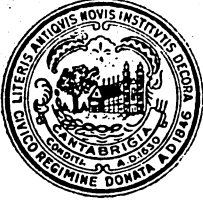
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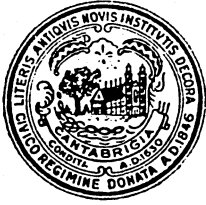
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ROBERT W. HEALY
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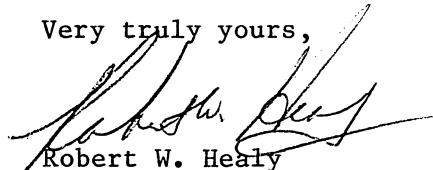
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

September 29, 1986

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Following discussions with the Combined Cambridge Business Associations and Judge Lawrence Feloney of the Cambridge District Court, I am recommending the attached amendment to the Code of the City of Cambridge to raise the maximum penalty for violation of the Code to \$300. This increase will provide the court system with greater flexibility in dealing with repeated violations.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Re: proposed amendment to the General Ordinances which would raise the maximum penalty for violation of same to \$300.

City of Los Angeles
City Clerk
September 29, 1986

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