



# City of Cambridge

12.  
Amended Order  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
May 11, 1998

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
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COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
MAYOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: It appears from recent newspaper reports that a much needed affordable housing project for Avon Hill has been abandoned; and

WHEREAS: The loss of this project is particularly troubling in light of the overwhelming need for affordable housing in Cambridge and the relatively few affordable housing opportunities that currently exist in the Avon Hill area; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to conduct an investigation and report back to the City Council on the facts of this case, including an analysis of the particular zoning issue involved and an analysis of what steps the City can take in the future in similar situations to enable successful development of the affordable housing that is said to be the City Council's top priority; and be it further

ORDERED: That the report include information as to whether instituting a neighborhood Conservation District would affect the feasibility of affordable housing in this neighborhood.

In City Council May 11, 1998.  
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*  
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City Clerk



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# 12

from recent newspaper reports

Whereas:

It appears, that a promising and much-needed affordable housing project for Avon Hill has been abandoned on account of neighborhood opposition; and

Whereas:

~~According to newspaper reports, CASCAP, a well-known and well-respected nonprofit housing agency, has abandoned plans to <sup>rehabilitate eight</sup> build eight units of <sup>degraded</sup> affordable housing on the ~~lot~~ corner of Splend Road and Walnut Avenue because of legal opposition by two neighbors and their lawyers, also a neighbor; and~~

which must operate on a tight budget to fulfill its mission to ~~assist~~ <sup>help</sup> ~~low-income~~ <sup>people</sup>

Whereas:

~~Although CASCAP was confident that it would ultimately prevail on the legal challenge, as a nonprofit agency, it could not afford the cost of the legal battle and ensuing delay; and~~

Whereas:

~~This loss of this project is particularly troubling in light of the overwhelming need for affordable housing in Cambridge and the <sup>existence</sup> especially few affordable housing opportunities that currently exist in the Avon Hill area; and~~

leave as is

~~My~~ ~~that~~ ~~affordable~~ ~~housing~~ ~~is~~ ~~said~~  
to be the City Council's top priority, ~~therefore~~  
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Resolved: That the C M be + h b is requested  
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Consent Order #12

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Vice Mayor Galluccio re: affordable  
housing project for Avon Hill area.

In City Council May 11, 1998

**ORDER ADOPTED**

*as amended  
by Councillor Toomey.*