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Mr. Russell B. Higley
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Dear Sir:

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1. Chapter 2.114 - Cambridge Environmental Program.
2. Chapter 17.04 - Cambridge Environmental Quality Policy.
3. Chapter 17.08 - Environmental Planning.
4. Chapter 17.24 - Environmental Impact Response.
5. Chapter 17.28 - Environmental Permit Program.

Would you kindly review these proposed amendments to ensure that they are in context with the Municipal Code prior to the hearings before the Committee on Ordinances.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: Cambridge Environmental Program

Dear Mr. Connarton:

I enclose a copy of your letter to me of May 17 with which you sent me certain Code Amendments comprising the Cambridge Environmental Program. You ask me to "... review these proposed amendments to ensure that they are in context with the Municipal Code" I have the following observations:

1. I do not believe that the Cambridge Environmental Program could be Chapter 2.114 of the Code. According to our copy of the Code (updated on 4/16/91), Chapter 2.114 covers Public Development Arts Projects. Perhaps the Environmental Program could be Chapter 2.118.

2. Title 17 of the Code is now devoted to Zoning. Perhaps "Environmental Quality" could be either Title 16 or 18.

3. Why is the first Chapter in Title 17 Chapter 17.04? What happened to 17.02?

4. What happened to 17.06?

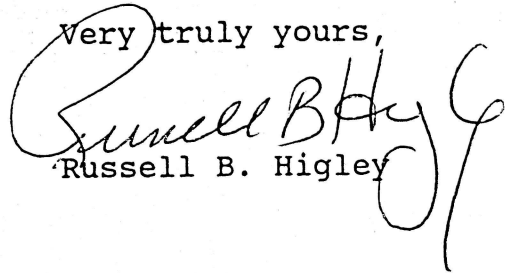
5. Section 17.08.040(3)(A) states that "Departments are encouraged to consult with staff of the Cambridge Environmental Program", but it is not clear who these staff people will be. Section 2.114.020 does not authorize the Environmental Program Director to hire staff. See also §17.08.050.

6. In §17.24.020, there is a reference to Chapter 17.16 of the Code, but this Chapter was not included in the package you sent to me.

7. Why have Chapters 17.10, 17.12, 17.14, 17.18, 17.20, 17.22, and 17.26 been omitted?

If you have any questions about these amendments, please direct them to Birge Albright.

Very truly yours,



Russell B. Higley

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cc: Donald A. Drisdell

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