



City of Cambridge

11.
IN CITY COUNCIL
April 24, 1978

COUNCILLORS DUEHAY, PREUSSER, WYLIE, DANEHY, FRISOLI, GRAHAM,
SULLIVAN, VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS: It is now clear that the unprecedented growth of Harvard's physical plant during the fifties and sixties has left a lasting impression on large sections of the Cambridge community, and
- WHEREAS: It is clear as well that there is not a single neighborhood in our city that will passively allow any additional expansion if that expansion causes a disruption to the residential character of the neighborhood, a significant loss of open space, or in any other way seriously diminishes the quality of life for those residents thus affected, and
- WHEREAS: The proliferation of neighborhood initiated zoning petitions in response to site specific growth plans of the universities only serves to underscore this point, and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council, in its attempt to deal with this general problem has considered or is prepared to consider a set of strategies including, but not limited to:
1. Development Moratoriums
 2. Downzoning Petitions
 3. A Home-Rule Petition to the General Court seeking relief from certain sections of the State Zoning Act.
 4. The taking of land by Eminent Domain
 5. The use of Scenic Easements,
and
- WHEREAS: From all of this it is apparent that the city is in need of a containment policy for university growth that is especially sensitive to the problems of edge conditions where university land lies adjacent to residential properties, and
- WHEREAS: Ideally, this policy would be one which the universities found acceptable as well, and

WHEREAS:

Because Harvard University has holdings that intertwine through neighborhoods more than is true of any other university, their growth plans appear most problematic, therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be requested to instruct the Planning Board to begin to work on a comprehensive containment policy, and that Harvard University be invited to participate in this process, and be it further

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That he be requested to instruct the Planning Board to be mindful of the fact that the policy and strategies which emerge from this process, should as far as is practical, be applicable to similar situations of other educational, charitable or nonprofit institutions within our city, and be it further

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That he be requested to report back to the Council in three weeks on the steps he has taken.

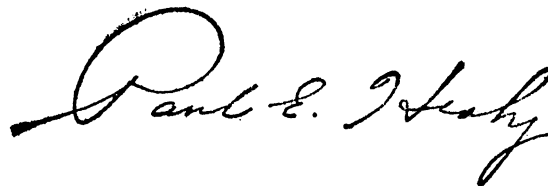
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Paul E. Healy, City Clerk".

Order #11.

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C. Duehay, Preusser, Wylie, Danehy, Frisoli,
Graham, Sullivan and Vellucci re: contain-
ment policy for university growth.

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L. Crane declined

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