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ARTICLE I. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

SECTION 12.101. COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall be under the charge of the Commissioner of Health and Hospitals. (Ord. No. 755, Part of sec. 1, March 6, 1967)

SECTION 12.102. APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATION OF COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States, a graduate of a medical school approved by the State authority for the approval of medical schools, and shall be the holder of a degree in public health with at least four year full-time administrative experience in a responsible position in public health service or in a related field. He shall at the time of appointment be licensed to practice medicine under the laws of the Commonwealth. The Commissioner shall not engage in the private practice of medicine and shall devote his entire time to the performance of the duties of Commissioner. He shall be appointed by the City Manager to serve for a term of four years from the first Monday in February in the year of his appointment, or until his successor is appointed and qualified. He shall be removable in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. Any vacancy in the office of Commissioner shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment; provided, however, that the City Manager may appoint an Acting Commissioner to serve for a period of not more than six months. Any such Acting Commissioner shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine under the laws of the Commonwealth, but need not meet the other qualifications required of a Commissioner hereunder. (Ord. No. 755, sec. 2, March 6, 1967)

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SECTION 12.103. DUTIES AND POWERS OF COMMISSIONER. (a) The Commissioner shall be responsible for promoting and protecting the health of the citizens of Cambridge; shall see that within the City the laws of the Commonwealth and the ordinances of the City pertaining to public health and hospitals are faithfully executed and enforced; shall have charge of the Cambridge care and treatment facilities and, with the approval of the City Manager, shall appoint the members of the staff or staffs thereof and their assistants; provided, that the appointment of any physician to any such staff shall first be approved by the Board of Health and Hospitals.

(b) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Chapter or prescribed by law, the Commissioner shall possess and exercise all the duties and powers previously possessed or exercised, by the Commissioner of Public Health and the Trustees of the Cambridge City Hospital. The Commissioner shall meet periodically with the Board of Health and Hospitals. He shall make and enforce such rules and regulations as he deems necessary or proper for the administration of the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Cambridge care and treatment facilities. (Ord. No. 755, Part of sec. 6, March 6, 1967)

SECTION 12.104. COMPENSATION OF COMMISSIONER; OFFICES. The Commissioner shall receive such salary as the City Council shall from time to time determine. The members of the Board of Health and Hospitals shall serve without compensation. Suitable office accommodations shall be furnished to the Commissioner and the Department of Health and Hospitals at the expense of the City, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. (Ord. No. 755, sec. 5, March 6, 1967)

SECTION 12.105. CAMBRIDGE CARE AND TREATMENT FACILITIES. The City Hospital and the City Home For the Aged and Infirm (the City infirmary), used by the said hospital as an extended care, nursing, rest, and shelter facility, together with any other care and treatment facilities which may from time to time be operated by the City, shall constitute the Cambridge care and treatment facilities. (Ord. No. 755, Part of sec. 1, March 6, 1967)

SECTION 12.106. REPORT OF COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner shall submit such recommendation to the City Manager with respect to the operation of his department as he may from time to time deem appropriate, and shall prepare and submit to the City Manager in January of each year a report on the activities of his department during the preceding year. He shall also prepare and submit to the City Manager on or before December 1 in each year an estimate of the amounts which will be necessary for the expenses of his department for the next fiscal year, which estimates shall be classified and designated so as to show separately the proposed expenditures of the Cambridge care and treatment facilities. (Ord. No. 755, Part of sec. 6, March 6, 1967)

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ARTICLE II. BOARD OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

SECTION 12.201. MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD. The Board of Health and Hospitals shall consist of ten persons, at least one of whom shall be a physician and none of whom shall be a member of the City Council. The City Manager shall in January of each year in which the term of any member expires appoint a successor member to serve for three years from the first Monday in February in the year of appointment, or until the appointment of a successor. The members shall be removable in accordance with the provisions of the Charter. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled in the same manner, by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. (Ord. No. 755, sec. 3, March 6, 1967)

SECTION 12.202. DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD. The Board of Health and Hospitals shall examine the qualifications of each physician whom the Commissioner proposes to appoint to the staff of any of the Cambridge care and treatment facilities and shall in each instance either approve or disapprove such appointment. The Board shall consult with and advise the Commissioner on matters of public health and hospital administration, but shall not exercise any of the powers or perform any of the duties required to be exercised or performed by the Commissioner. (Ord. No. 755, sec. 7, March 6, 1967)

ARTICLE III. HOUSING CODE REGULATIONS

SECTION 12.301. ADOPTION OF HOUSING CODE REGULATIONS. The Housing Code Regulations of the City of Cambridge, dated May 1, 1962, is hereby adopted and by this reference made a part of this Code with the same force and effect as though set out in full herein. At least three copies of said Code Regulations are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the City Clerk. (Code 1972, sec. 1109)

