



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter Thirteen entitled: "Offenses" is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new Article IX, entitled: "Offenses Against Animals" Section 13-20 entitled: "Dog Fighting, Animal Fighting" which reads as follows:-

ARTICLE IX

OFFENSES AGAINST ANIMALS

Section 13-20. Dog Fighting, Animal Fighting.

No person shall own, possess, keep or train a dog or other animal with intent that it shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting, and whoever establishes or promotes an exhibition of the fighting of dogs or other animals, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for one year or both.



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
November 21, 1977

MAYOR VELLUCCI

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that the Boston Metropolitan area has become a major dog-fighting center, and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals through its spokesman, Captain Don Lambert, has labelled dog-fighting as the cruelest form of animal abuse leading to the inevitable destruction of all participants after three encounters, and

WHEREAS: The promoters of this activity operate with the greatest secrecy and enforcement of the law banning dog-fighting is difficult and the punishment for those apprehended under present statutes is not severe enough to be a deterrent to those persons engaged in this activity, now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Ordinances of the City of Cambridge be amended by adding to the list of offenses in Chapter Thirteen a new section providing for a mandatory one year imprisonment or a fine of not less than one thousand dollars for all persons engaged in training dogs for dog-fighting, and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Solicitor review the ordinance accompanying this order and report his recommendations for further action by this City Council within two weeks.

In City Council November 21, 1977
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Paul E. Healy

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M. Vellucci re: amending the City Ordinance
to provide for a mandatory one year impri-
sonment or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00
for all persons engaged in training dogs
for dog-fighting.

In City Council,
November 21, 1977

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Order

Adopted
Unanimous

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this order