



# City of Cambridge

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 IN CITY COUNCIL  
 September 11, 1978

COUNCILLOR PREUSSER

- WHEREAS: Harvard Square, as a physical, economic and social entity, is a valuable urban resource of citywide, regional and national importance, and
- WHEREAS: Harvard Square is experiencing strong development pressures which could result in significant irreversible changes in the character of the area, and
- WHEREAS: The impacts of large scale projects planned or now underway in Harvard Square such as the MBTA reconstruction and the Southwest Sector development are already being felt, and
- WHEREAS: The impacts of development in Harvard Square could affect the quality of life in surrounding residential neighborhoods, and
- WHEREAS: The City's zoning regulations prevent development of a greater bulk than that which presently exists throughout much of Harvard Square, and
- WHEREAS: There is no building height limitation for much of Harvard Square, and
- WHEREAS: There is no public design review for most development proposals in Harvard Square, and
- WHEREAS: Concern over the looseness of the existing zoning regulations for Harvard Square has been clearly expressed by many of those most concerned with and affected by existing and future change in the area, now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That a citizen initiated rezoning petition which would establish a Harvard Square Overlay District and which has been filed with the City Clerk in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 40A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth should be referred to the Cambridge Planning Board for its review, public hearing and report back to this Council.

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 Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.  
 Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Order #1

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C. Preusser re: rezoning petition which  
would establish a Harvard Square Overlay  
District.

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