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RE: City Council Amended Order No. 23, January 22, 1996. Regarding
The Safety Of Sprinkler Systems In City Buildings And High Rise
Buildings Throughout The City.

Dear Mr. Healy:

In 1986 the General Court passed legislation known as the retrofit sprinkler law for existing high rise buildings (MGL 148-26 1/2). This law stated that any building seventy feet from grade or higher built prior to 1975 would have to be sprinkled. A ten year window was given to owners to comply which has since been amended to 3/30/98 with the right of appeal.

This city has eighty-three (83) such buildings that fall into this category. Twenty-seven are owned by MIT; eight by Harvard University, one county building, seven Cambridge Housing and the remaining forty consisting of residential, hotels and office buildings.

Harvard University and MIT have embarked on a long range program to fully sprinkle all of their property including their high rise buildings which have been mandated by law.

Robert Healy, City Manager
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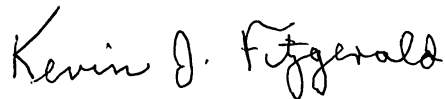
Of the eighty-three high rise buildings to be retrofitted, the majority have been completed or are in their last 1/3 construction cycle. A few buildings have been granted an extension due to financial problems and one is in litigation.

All high rise buildings built since 1975 are fully sprinkled.

All buildings that are sprinkled are required under the Code of Massachusetts 580 (State Building Code) to test their systems annually.

Only two schools are fully sprinkled and they are our newest schools, the Agassiz and Haggerty Schools. Most municipal buildings are not sprinkled, i.e. City Hall, City Hall Annex, Fire Houses, and the Police Station.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin J. Fitzgerald".

Kevin J. Fitzgerald
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February 12, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 18, regarding the inspection of sprinkler systems in City buildings, School buildings and high rise buildings throughout the City, please find attached a response from Fire Chief Kevin Fitzgerald.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a printed name and title.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #5

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Relative to the inspection of
sprinkler systems in City Buildings,
School buildings and highrise buildings
throughout the City.

In City Council February 12, 1996

Placed on file.