



City of Cambridge

23.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

IN CITY COUNCIL
October 21, 1985

- WHEREAS: There are many elderly homeowners living in Cambridge on fixed incomes; and
- WHEREAS: Proposition 2 1/2 has resulted in regular assessment increases to all properties in Cambridge without regard to original purchase price, length of ownership or age and work status of owner; and
- WHEREAS: The existing State statutes regulating the abatement policies of cities and towns are outdated, outmoded and totally ineffective in providing useful abatements to elderly homeowners; and
- WHEREAS: The number and average of elderly homeowners is expected to increase; and
- WHEREAS: It is a goal of Cambridge not to cause elderly homeowners to be forced to sell their homes because of increased property taxes; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That a Committee for Elderly Real Estate Tax Abatements be formed to hold hearings with the City's Assessors, Treasurer and Law Departments, as well as with interested citizens and elderly organizations, with the purpose of recommending the best course of action to address the issue of Elderly Tax Abatements.

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C. Wolf - c/c consider filing "Home Rule" bill to address this
Amendment (Amend)
RJ



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24.

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October 21, 1985

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In City Council October 21, 1985.
 Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
 Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature of Paul E. Healy in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order #24 8-235

C. Graham re: that a Committee for Elderly Real Estate Tax Abatements be formed to hold hearings with the Assessors, Treasurer & Law Dept. & interested citizens & elderly organizations to recommend the best course of action to address the issue of elderly tax abatements.

In City Council,

October 21, 1985

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CH Order Adopted
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