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23 September 1988

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am sorry for the delay in responding to the City Council Order #29, dated September 12, 1988, received in the Retirement Office, September 22, 1988, pertaining to the reimbursement to certain retired Firefighters or Police Officers for medical and/or surgical expenses incurred, as provided under Chapter 41, Section 100B.

The policy of the Cambridge Retirement Board in regard to this matter, is as follows:

Any Police Officer or Firefighter retired under the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 7 and Section 94, 94A, are entitled to request an Indemnification Hearing in order to be reimbursed for medical expenses incurred subsequent to the effective date of their retirement.

This request must be made in writing and should be accompanied by receipts of paid bills which clearly state that they are related to the disability for which they are retired.

The Indemnification Panel consists of three members, Chairperson of the Retirement Board, a Physician appointed by the Retirement Board and a designated representative of the City Law Department.

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In order to curtail the expense of the Indemnification Panel, the Retirement Board usually waits until they have received at least two or three requests before obtaining the services of a qualified physician to review the medical bills.

The Indemnification Panel is also given the original Regional Medical Panel Report which states the reason for retirement and also the medical diagnosis and treatment, if any.

If the Panel voted to approve payment of the medical bills presented before them, the retiree, Police or Fire Chief, are notified in writing.

I am enclosing examples of the letters which are sent to the retiree and Department Heads for your convenience.

Please be advised that the Departments involved usually reimburse the retiree in six month intervals, June and December.

It should also be noted that the paid bills are carefully scrutinized by each department before payment is issued to the retiree.

At the present time, the Cambridge Retirement Board has obtained the services of Dr. John Brusch, Cambridge Hospital, to serve on these panels.

If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,


Barbara M. Ellis
Executive Assistant

cc: Law Department



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September 23, 1988

Chief Anthony Paolillo
Cambridge Police Department
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Chief Paolillo:

At a meeting of the Indemnification Board held on September 23, 1988, it was voted to approve payment by your department of the enclosed medical bills of John Doe, retired Police Officer. Dr. John Brusch has states that Mr. Doe is currently taking Hydrazaline, Hydro-chlorthiazide, Corgad and Capoten. All of these are related to his disability.

We have notified Mr. Doe to forward all future paid medical bills related to his disability, Coronary heart disease, hypertension, chronic lung disease, to your office in June and December of each calendar year.

Very truly yours,

Barbara M. Ellis
Executive Assistant

BME/fmd

cc: John Doe

Enclosures



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September 23, 1988

John Doe
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Doe:

At a meeting of the Indemnification Board held on September 23, 1988, it was voted to approve payment of the bills you have submitted.

In the future, please forward all bills pertaining to your disability (Coronary heart disease, hypertension, chronic lung disease) to the Police Department for reimbursement in June and December of each calendar year.

Please be advised that all bills, prescriptions, etc. must clearly state that they are related to the disability for which you were retired.

Very truly yours,

Barbara M. Ellis
Executive Assistant

BME/fmd

cc: Chief Paolillo



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

September 26, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 29 relative to the procedure for reimbursement for medical and/or surgical supplies to Police and Fire employees retired under the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 94, Massachusetts General Laws, enclosed please find copy of a report from Barbara Ellis, Executive Assistant of the Retirement Board.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf

Agenda Item No. 9 *S-573*

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 29 on
the procedure for reimbursement for medical and/
or surgical supplies to Police & Fire employees
retired under the provisions of MGL, Chapter 32,
Section 94.

In City Council,

September 26, 1988

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