



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 11, 1989

COUNCILLOR WALSH

- WHEREAS: Multiple alarm fires in multi-family rent controlled residences at 207 Green Street on August 31, 1989 and at 662-674 Cambridge Street in early hours of September 8, 1989 force us to focus upon the City of Cambridge's compliance or failure to comply with the statutes of the State Building Code so far as the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy is concerned; and
- WHEREAS: The State Building Code, Section 108.5.1, Table 108, REQUIRED MINIMUM INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS FOR SPECIFIED USE GROUPS, calls for inspection of multi-family residences every five (5) years; and
- WHEREAS: Full compliance with the cited statute of the State Building Code could well have prevented not only the 207 Green Street fire but especially the nearly total destruction of property wrought at the 662-674 Cambridge Street fire as well as the less than arm's length threat to the lives of residents routed by both fires; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager direct the City Solicitor to provide this City Council, no later than September 18, 1989, with a written opinion indicating as to whether any criminal or civil liability could be found against the City of Cambridge or any of its agents for failing to enforce the referenced State statute regarding the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

Order # 38 F-365

Councillor Walsh re: compliance with the
State Building Code regarding inspections
of multi-family dwellings relative to the
fires at the premises numbered 207 Green
Street and 662-674 Cambridge Street.

In City Council,
Sept. 11, 1989

Order adopted