



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 15, 1997

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record favoring the filing of home rule legislation entitled "**AN ACT RELATIVE TO RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.**" as attached.

In City Council December 15, 1997.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY- **SEVEN**

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1.

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the lanes of traffic is blocked when the gates are lowered; a bell that is automatically activated by the approaching train; overhead street lights; signs posted before the grade crossing in each direction warning motorists and pedestrians of the crossing ahead; posted speed limits for traffic of not more than forty miles per hour, and not more than two lanes of vehicular traffic in each direction at the grade crossing. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, a train shall be required to sound its whistle in the event of an emergency.

SECTION 2. The department of public utilities shall require that whistle markers on the railroad right-of-way on the approach to each crossing shall be replaced with bell markers within ninety days of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. The department of public utilities shall notify the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and all other railroad corporations operating locomotive engines in the city of Cambridge of the provisions of this act within thirty days of its effective date.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
in General Court assembled.

CAMBRIDGE

The undersigned, citizens of, respectfully
petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve, and/or for legislation

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Petitioners are requested to sign names and addresses legibly.

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

REPRESENTATIVE
TIMOTHY TOOMEY
CHAIR

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*Attached
Bill # 72*

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Additional comments:

Please contact sender with any questions or problems.

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Resolved

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filing of home rule legislation ~~and~~
entitled "An Act Relative to Railroad
Crossings in the City of Cambridge"
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Consent Order #72

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ORDER ADOPTED

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