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Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I have been requested to draft an amendment to the General Ordinances which will prohibit the practice of leasing taxicabs to cab drivers in the City of Cambridge.

It is my understanding that this request is in response to a recent vote of the License Commission which, in effect, would permit this leasing procedure for a test period of six months. As you are aware, the License Commission has promulgated certain rules concerning the operation of taxicabs in the City. Chapter 1, Rule 4 of the Rules and Regulations For Hackney Carriage Owners And Drivers (1973) expressly prohibits the leasing or renting of taxicabs by licensed owners

In view of this regulation, I am of the opinion that the recent vote of the License Commission, permitting said leasing for a test period of six months, should be construed as a temporary suspension of Rule 4, mentioned above.

Rather than pursue the avenue of enacting an ordinance prohibiting this leasing practice, I suggest that the Council pass an order requesting that the Commission rescind its recent vote, abovementioned. Assuming the Commission complies with this order, a vote to so rescind would reinstate Rule 4 in full force and effect.

If this suggestion does not meet with your approval, please let me know, and I shall assist you further.

Very truly yours,

Russell B. Higley
City Solicitor

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