

City of Cambridge

Councillor Clinton

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In City Council,
June 29, 1970.

WHEREAS:-

It has come to the attention of this City Council that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology continues to expand their property holdings in the City of Cambridge, and

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In the past several months Massachusetts Institute of Technology has purchased the extensive property holdings of the Simplex Wire & Cable Co., and

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The Institute continues to acquire property in this immediate area, and

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The net effect of this program of acquisition by the Institute has resulted in the loss of valuable tax property to the City of Cambridge and the loss of vital sources of employment which is the lifeblood of the economic life of the City of Cambridge and creates a situation which will lead to the levying of heavy taxes on the property owners of the City of Cambridge in order to properly administer the forces of government in this city, therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to advise this City Council as to what steps may be taken under the General Laws of the Commonwealth to stop the acquisition of commercial and other properties in the City of Cambridge by Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other Universities, and be it further

RESOLVED:-

That the City Solicitor be and hereby is requested to draft, if necessary, legislation in the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth which will put a ceiling on the amount of property which can be owned by a university within the limits of a city or town or in the alternative if such legislation cannot be enacted that the Great and General Court enact legislation which will provide for dollar for dollar compensation to the cities and towns of this Commonwealth whose tax bases are constantly shrinking due to the growth of the universities within our municipalities.

City Council

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Paul E. Healy
Temp. City Clerk

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ORDER

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