

In City Council

November 6, 1972

Councilor Francis H. Duehay

WHEREAS:

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of halfway houses in the City of Cambridge in recent months, and

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Such institutions are neither anticipated nor effectively controlled by existing regulatory devices such as zoning and licensing, and

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This situation has resulted in an over-concentration of halfway houses in Cambridgeport to an extent that potentially threatens the well-being of the neighborhood, and the success of the halfway houses themselves, therefore be it

ORDERED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Planning and Development to prepare immediately an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge that would regulate halfway houses as follows:

- a) By permitting halfway houses in all residential zones by special permit granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals, thereby establishing a guaranteed public notice and hearing procedure for each halfway house case;
- b) By specifying criteria by which the Board of Zoning Appeals shall evaluate such special permit requests to insure that halfway houses are reasonably distributed throughout the city, and to prevent an overconcentration of houses in any one neighborhood or in the city as a whole.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

~~of \_\_\_\_\_ members~~

Paul E. Healy  
City Clerk

Write  
a  
new report  
and  
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Memorandum - re  
reference Committee

Memorandum  
Req. AB to hold  
hearing - with all  
dept heads concerned  
with all present  
from Com of Mass  
City Boards and Agencies  
hold licenses permanently  
until this matter has  
been resolved