



City of Cambridge

6.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 25, 1991

COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

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WHEREAS: The straw that broke the camel's back was imposed during February, 1991 when the tenants received two "GA" rent adjustments from the Rent Control Board, the first for 8% and the second for 20%. The latter, according to a Rent Board staff member, was based on "heating costs" as allegedly documented by the owner of the property. Given the mix of a rather mild winter in 1990/1991, the often inadequate heat and hot water, the overheating, especially during the day when few tenants are home, the question must be asked as to whether this 20% increase (based apparently solely on "heating costs") is a cost which should be passed to the tenants at 11 Everett Street when those tenants' apartments are overheated by 10 degrees and/or more; now therefore be it

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REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR REPORT



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William H. Walsh
City Councillor

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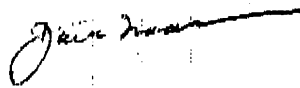
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REMARKS: Councillor Walsh requests that the attached Council Order
regarding 11 Everett Street be included in the NON CONSENT
AGENDA for next Monday's Council Session, i.e., MARCH 25, 1991.

Please phone me upon receipt of this so that I am certain it
has been received and filed.

Signature of person in Councillor Walsh's office transmitting
the document(s).

Thank you very much.

David F. Noonan 

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Order # 6

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NON
Consent

Councillors Walsh and Russell re:
tenants at 11 Everett Street.

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