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December 14, 1981

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
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Re: Power of Rent Board to Charge Fees

Dear Mr. Healy:

You have requested my opinion as to whether the Rent Board may charge fees.

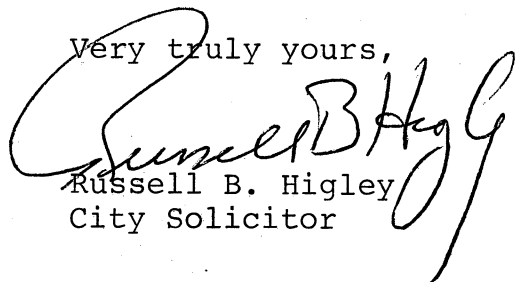
The Rent Board currently exists under the authority of St. 1976, c. 36. Section 5(c) of Chapter 36 provides:

The rent control board...shall promulgate such policies, rules and regulations as will further the provisions of this act...

And section 5(e) states that the "board shall have the power to...promulgate regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act."

In my opinion, the language of section 5(c) and (e) gives the Board the power to promulgate a reasonable schedule of fees for the services it renders.

Very truly yours,


Russell B. Higley
City Solicitor

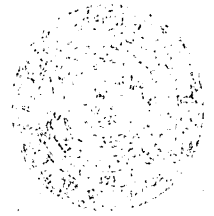
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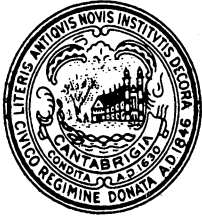
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

December 21, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find copy of the opinion of the City Solicitor relative to the power of the Cambridge Rent Control Board to charge fees.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Agenda Item Number Nine

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Re: an opinion from the City Solicitor regarding the power of the Cambridge Rent Control Board to charge fees.

In City Council,

December 21, 1981

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