

ENABLING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO ESTABLISH
A RENT CONTROL BOARD WITH POWERS TO SET
MAXIMUM RENTS

The City of Cambridge is hereby enabled and authorized to enact an ordinance creating a rent control board with power to establish maximum rents in dwelling units used for residential purposes in the City of Cambridge after a finding and a declaration by the city council that an emergency exists in providing housing.

SECTION 2. The city council may find that a public exigency, emergency or distress exists with respect to rents for residential dwellings and thereby declare an ~~emergency~~ ^{A public exigency or distress} upon a finding that there is or will be a substantial shortage of rental housing accommodations and that unless residential rents and eviction of tenants are regulated and controlled, such ~~emergency~~ ^{public exigency or distress} and the inflationary pressures resulting therefrom will produce serious threats to the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of this city. *C. J. King*

SECTION 3. In the event that the city council of the City of Cambridge makes a declaration of a public ~~emergency~~ ^{exigency or distress} and pursuant thereto creates a rent control board, all proceedings of said rent control board shall be in public and transcribed and any person aggrieved by any order or ruling of the rent control board shall have the right to appeal therefrom to the Third District Court of Eastern Middlesex. *C. J. King*

SECTION 4. The city council may, by ordinance, exempt specified classes of dwelling units from regulation.

SECTION 5. The city council may, by ordinance, provide for the enforcement of the maximum rent levels so established and may, in addition to imposing fines for violation of maximum rent levels, prohibit by ordinance retaliatory evictions by landlords of tenants who exercise their rights under such rent ordinance.

SECTION 6. The city council may by ordinance require that owners of rent-controlled dwelling units who propose demolishing such units provide for the relocation of the tenants of such units and for the construction on the same site of an equal number of dwelling units of similar size to be rented at similar rents subject to such regulations, conditions and exceptions as the city council may provide.

SECTION 7. Upon acceptance of this act by the city council of the city of Cambridge, any ordinance enacted pursuant to the authorization granted by this act shall be for a period of two years from the date of adoption, at which time it may be extended or amended and extended by said council.

SECTION 8. In the event that any section of this act shall be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section of this act.

*New Section 7. The REB may compel a RT combine
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Motion by Councilor Velucci
that this City Council go on
record favoring the proposed
legislation, which would
enable the City of Cambridge
to establish a rent control
board with powers to set
maximum rents and to further
authorize the legislative agent
for the City of Cambridge to
file the enabling legislation
in behalf of the City Council
of Cambridge

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New Section 7. Adopt.

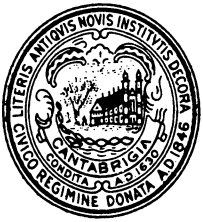
The REC may compel
the attendance of persons
AT / Hearings, issue subpoenas
and administer oaths

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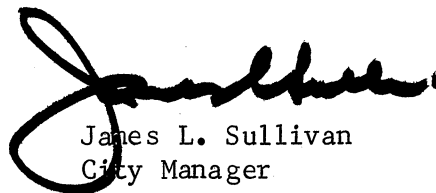
November 28, 1969

Councilor Alfred E. Vellucci
42 Porter Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Councilor Vellucci:

Enclosed herewith please find a photocopy
of a proposed act enabling the City to establish a rent
control board.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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^{As} I outlined to you before the
The ~~MOTION~~ ^{motion} is as follows

That the INITIATION petition AS
SUBMITTED, NOT HAVING been passed
~~the~~ within 30 days by the City Council

SUCH INITIATION petition, WITHOUT
ALTERATION shall be submitted to
A vote of the REG. VOTERS of
the city AT the next MUNICIPAL
ELECTION AS REQUIRED by CHS for 40

City of Cambridge

Councillor Vellucci

In City Council,

December 1, 1969.

ORDERED:-

That this City Council go on record favoring the proposed legislation which would enable the City of Cambridge to establish a Rent Control Board with powers to set maximum rents and to further authorize the Legislative Agent for the City of Cambridge to file the enabling legislation in behalf of the City Council of Cambridge.

In City Council Dec 1, 1969
Adopted by yes and no Vote
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Paul E. Healy
Gen. City Clk.

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ORDER

Council favors proposed legislation to
enable City of Cambridge to establish a
Rent Control Board

December 1, 1969

Mr. Vellucci