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MELVIN H. CHALFEN, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

February 6, 1987

Dear Cambridge Employer,

The City of Cambridge has revised its city smoking ordinance with the intent of protecting and promoting public health by reducing involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke. This law is effective as of March 7, 1987.

No smoking has been established as the norm in public places under the new ordinance. This will affect both public and private Cambridge employers, restaurants, government facilities and other public areas. The law states that no individual shall smoke in a public place or at a public meeting, except in a designated smoking area.

Specifically in regard to employers, the law states that no individual shall smoke in any non-designated area in either a public or private business that employees normally frequent during the course of a business day. This includes, but is not limited to work areas, employee lounges and restrooms, conference rooms and hallways. This does not include private residences unless they are used as child care or health care facilities; public areas of restaurants or bars; or small businesses of less than 1500 square feet (unless any employee objects).

It is the intention of the City of Cambridge to assist employers in making a smooth transition to implementation of the no smoking ordinance. The ordinance is intended to be self-enforcing and employers are encouraged to develop and implement their own smoking policies internally.

A fact sheet detailing Cambridge smoking restrictions is enclosed with this letter. For more information contact the appropriate resources listed at the end of the fact sheet.

Thank you for helping to make Cambridge a healthier place to work and live.

Sincerely,

Melvin Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner of Health and Hospitals

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CAMBRIDGE SMOKING RESTRICTIONS FACT SHEET

The City of Cambridge has revised its city smoking ordinance with the intent of protecting and promoting public health by reducing involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke. This law is effective as of March 7, 1987.

No smoking has been established as the norm in public places under the new ordinance. Smoking is defined as carrying a lighted cigarette, cigar or pipe. This will affect both public and private Cambridge employers, restaurants, government facilities and other public places.

Following is an outline of the Cambridge Smoking Restrictions:

Public Places: NO SMOKING ALLOWED, no exceptions. Includes any room in which the public is invited or permitted, such as elevators, health care facilities, classrooms, lecture halls, theaters, libraries, auditoriums, schools, retail stores and reception areas of banks.

Excludes private homes, parties, beano games, social receptions, and fraternal and veterans' organizations.

Work Places: NO SMOKING ALLOWED, (see exceptions). Any area in either a public or private business that employees frequent during the course of a business day. Includes, but is not limited to, non-designated work areas, employee lounges and restrooms, conference rooms and hallways. Excludes private residences, unless they are used as child care or health care facilities; public areas of restaurants or bars; or small businesses of less than 1500 square feet (unless any employee objects).

Exceptions: Only if non-smoking employees and the public are not bothered by any significant smoke. Employees may request (but not require) an employer to designate their work station as a smoking area. Employers may make other reasonable accommodations, such as a smokers' lounge that should be no larger than the non-smoking lounge.

Restaurants and Bars: NO SMOKING ALLOWED in designated no-smoking areas, which must include at least 25 percent of seats. "No smoking" areas must be separated from smoking areas either by shape of room, natural and/or existing barriers, or space.

Excludes: Restaurants with less than 25 seats and bars with less than 75 seats. Private social functions are also excluded in the ordinance.

Individuals owning or controlling places where smoking is prohibited under this ordinance must post "No Smoking" signs and must not knowingly allow violations.

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Signs should be displayed in public lobbies and other prominent places indicating that smoking is prohibited by City Ordinance. Suggested wording for signs include:

"City Ordinance No. 1046 prohibits smoking except in designated areas"

International no smoking signs should also be posted at elevators and in other no smoking designated areas.

It is the intent of the City of Cambridge to assist area employers in making a smooth transition to implementation of the nonsmoking ordinance. The ordinance is intended to be self-enforcing. Employers are encouraged to develop and implement their own smoking policies internally.

For more information contact:

Restaurants and Bars: Cambridge Inspectional Services
City Hall, Third Floor
795 Massachusetts Avenue
498-9013

Public Places and Work Places: Cambridge Department of Health
and Hospitals
1493 Cambridge Street
498-1486

Developing Smoking Policies: The American Cancer Society
Public Education Department
Attn: Candy Pierce-Lavin
247 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02116
267-2650, ext. 327

The American Lung Association
of Middlesex County
Attn: David Ales or Terry Clancy
P.O. Box 265
Burlington, MA 01803
272-2866

Smoking Cessation Programs: The Cambridge Hospital
Department of Behavioral Medicine
1493 Cambridge Street
498-1183

See also: American Lung
Association and American Cancer
Society above.



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February 9, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I submit the attached correspondence from Dr. Melvin Chalfen, Commissioner of Health and Hospitals, which will be sent to all Cambridge employers to outline the provisions of the new smoking regulations approved by the City Council on December 8, 1986. A fact sheet summarizing the policy guidelines is also attached which lists a number of resources to help businesses comply with the new law. My office has been working in conjunction with the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce to insure that all members of the business community have adequate notice prior to the effective date of March 8, 1987.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Re: enclosed comm. from Dr. Melvin Chalfen,
Commr. of Health & Hospitals to be sent to all
Cambridge employers outlining the provisions
of the new smoking regulations approved by
the City Council on December 8, 1986.

In City Council,

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