

~~Proposed amendment to the Regulations of the Cambridge Rent Control Board (Regulation Series No. 50):~~

Councilor Gahen

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The authority for this regulation is Acts of 1976, ch. 36, § 5(c), (e), which authorizes the Board to promulgate regulations to carry out the Cambridge Rent Control Act. Violation of the regulation would be a crime under Section 12(c) of the Act if willfull, and would require denial of the Certificate of Eviction under Regulation 50-04.

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Encl #10 *S-445*

C. Graham re: Rent Control Board implementing a new policy re: notifying tenants of their legal rights regarding eviction.

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