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TO: The Honorable, The City Council

FROM: Joseph E. Connarton, <sup>JK</sup> City Clerk

SUBJECT: Legislative History of the two proposed amendments to the Code of the City of Cambridge regarding the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

With the recent release of the Report of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in Cambridge dated February 24, 1989, I thought it would be beneficial to the City Council if I provided the legislative history of the proposed amendments to the Code of the City regarding this subject matter.

On September 8, 1986, then Vice-Mayor Vellucci introduced an order (No. 13), referring a proposed amendment to Chapter Eleven entitled: "Health, Hospitals and Housing" by inserting Article IV entitled: "Ordinance for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in the City of Cambridge" to the Committee on Ordinances. The proposed amendment was passed to a second reading also at this time. The Committee on Ordinances scheduled a hearing for Thursday, September 18, 1986 at 5:00 p.m. Said hearing was held and the matter remained in Committee on a motion by Councillor Duehay.

On September 29, 1986, then Councillor Wolf introduced an order (No. 3), requesting of the City Manager, Commissioner of Health and Hospitals and the Animal Commission to provide information regarding (1) any evidence of unnecessary cruelty to animals, and (2) any reason(s) that proposed ordinance would inhibit necessary medical research. Said order was adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

On February 2, 1987, Councillors Wolf and Duehay submitted Order No. 9, requesting the City Solicitor to draft an animal research ordinance with six components. On this date Councillor Duehay exercised his Charter Right. On February 9, 1987 this order was tabled on a motion of then Vice-Mayor Vellucci by a call of the roll 8-1-0.

On April 13, 1987, the City Manager, in response to Council Order No. 3 of September 29, 1986, transmitted communications received from the Commissioner of Health and Hospitals and the Director of the Animal Commission relative to animal research being conducted in Cambridge. Also, on this date the City Manager enclosed a copy of a substitute ordinance. This agenda item (No. 2) was referred to the public hearing scheduled for that date and referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

On May 11, 1987, Council Order No. 9 of February 2, 1987 was placed on file. This was due, in fact, to the response of the City Manager on April 13, 1987. Also on this date, then Mayor Walter J. Sullivan, then Vice-Mayor Vellucci, Councillors Danehy, Russell and Walsh co-sponsored City Council Order No. 11 that the Classical LD 50 Acute Toxicity Test and the Draize Eye-Irritancy Test on animals be banned within the limits of the City; any exemptions from this ban be granted solely by the Health Commissioner subject to review and approval of the City Council and that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare an ordinance to this effect for review and action by the City Council. Councillor Duehay exercised his Charter Right. On May 18, 1987 Calendar Item No. 6 was amended by then Councillor Wolf and the item was adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

On June 29, 1987, then Vice-Mayor Vellucci introduced Council Order No. 2 requesting the acceptance and referral of an amendment to the Code of the City of Cambridge regarding the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Said order was adopted and referred by the affirmative vote of nine members.

On September 15, 1987, the Committee on Ordinances conducted a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments dated April 13, 1987 and June 29, 1987. On a motion by Councillor Duehay both amendments were referred to the full City Council without recommendation.

On December 28, 1987, pursuant to Council Order No. 2, these matters were placed on file, without prejudice, in the Office of the City Clerk.

On March 28, 1988, pursuant to Council Order No. 32 submitted by Mayor Vellucci, these two items (April 13 and June 29, 1987 amendments) were pulled from the files of the City Clerk and placed on the Table.

Both proposed amendments to the Code of the City remained on the Calendar through January 30, 1989, at which time they were placed on file, pursuant to Calendar Item No. 22 of the above-referenced date, placing on file all unacted upon Calendar items, without prejudice, subject to resubmittal.

I hope this legislative history will prove beneficial to you in your deliberations.

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Comm. from Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk, transmitting for informational purposes, a legislative history of the two proposed amendments to the Code of the City of Cambridge regarding the Care & Use of Laboratory Animals; said history covering the period from September 8, 1986 to the present.

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Placed on file.