



City of Cambridge

38.

IN CITY COUNCIL
September 28, 1998

COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

- WHEREAS: The building at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Bow Street owned by the Harvard Coop and currently housing Baskin and Robbins and other tenants remains in extremely blighted condition and the sidewalk below it has been "roofed" with temporary scaffolding including old randomly sized pieces of plywood perched overhead to protect pedestrians from falling pieces of the building facade; and
- WHEREAS: This is blight on the neighborhood and in particular the surrounding properties which have been properly maintained; and
- WHEREAS: A previous council order requested the City Manager to report to the City Council whether this building continues to pose a safety hazard and what leverage the City might have in requiring owners to repair, restore, or rebuild any properties in bad condition; and
- WHEREAS: The Coop property remains in its dilapidated condition in spite of a general building boom and economic prosperity in the Harvard Square; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is request to report to the Council about the current status of this building and to ask the owners to communicate their plans for the building to the City Council; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the owner to take steps to renovate or rebuild the building to presentable condition.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
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Consent Order #38

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Councillor Born re: report on the status of
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