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**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

In the Year One Thousand  
Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight  
**AN ORDINANCE**

In amendment to an Ordinance  
entitled: "The General Ordinance  
of the City of Cambridge."

Be it ordained by the City  
Council of the City of Cam-  
bridge as follows:

Chapter 3 of the General Or-  
dinances of the City of Cam-  
bridge is hereby amended by in-  
serting after Section 4 of said  
Chapter the following sections  
which are not intended in any  
manner to be inconsistent with  
the provisions of the General  
Laws of Massachusetts.

**SECTION 5:**

**LICENSING OF DOGS**

The fee for every license shall,  
except as otherwise provided, be  
two dollars for a male dog and  
five dollars for a female dog, un-  
less a certificate of a registered  
veterinarian who performed the  
operation that said female dog  
has been spayed and has there-  
by been deprived of the power of  
propagation has been shown to  
the town clerk, in which case  
the fee shall be three dollars. If  
the town clerk is satisfied that  
the certificate of the veterinarian  
who spayed the dog can't be ob-  
tained, he may accept in lieu  
thereof a statement signed un-  
der the penalties of perjury by  
a veterinarian registered and  
practicing in the commonwealth,  
describing the dog and stating  
that he has examined such dog,  
and that it appears to have been  
and in his opinion has been,  
spayed and thereby deprived of  
the power of propagation. No  
fee shall be charged for a license  
for a dog specially trained to  
lead or serve a blind person;  
provided, that the division of the  
blind certifies that such dog is  
so trained and actually in the  
service of a blind person. No  
license fee or part thereof shall  
be refunded because of the sub-  
sequent death, loss, spaying, or  
removal from the commonwealth  
or other disposal, of the dog, nor  
shall any license fee or part  
thereof paid by mistake be paid  
or recovered back after it has  
been paid over to the country  
under section one hundred forty-  
seven.

**SECTION 6:**

**LEASHING OF DOGS**

No person owning or keeping  
a dog in the City of Cambridge  
shall permit such dog to be at  
large in said city elsewhere than  
on the premises of the owner or  
keeper, except if it be on the  
premises of another person with  
the knowledge and permission of  
such other person. Such owner  
or keeper or person having cus-  
tody of said dog with the per-  
mission of the owner or keeper

of a dog in the City of Cam-  
bridge, which is not on the prem-  
ises of the owner or upon the  
premises of another person with  
the knowledge and permission of  
such person shall keep said dog  
under control by means of a  
chain, rope or cord not exceed-  
ing 6 feet in length of sufficient  
strength to control the actions  
of said dog or by such personal  
presence and attention as will  
reasonably control its actions  
and conduct.

In any prosecution hereunder,  
the presence of such dog at large  
upon premises other than the  
premises of the owner or keeper  
of such dog shall be prima facie  
evidence that such knowledge  
and permission was not had.

Any dog found to be at large  
in violation of this ordinance  
shall be caught and confined by  
the dog officer who shall notify  
forthwith in writing, by regis-  
tered mail, return receipt re-  
quested, the licensed owner or  
keeper of said dog. The owner  
or keeper shall have a period of  
ten days from the date of re-  
ceipt of such notice within which  
to recover the dog.

Return of the dog to the li-  
censed owner or keeper shall be  
dependent on admission of owner-  
ship or the keeping of the dog  
and the assumption of responsi-  
bility by the licensed owner or  
keeper. The dog officer shall  
enter and prosecute a complaint  
against the owner or keeper of  
any dog taken into his custody  
under this section provided, how-  
ever, if within the twelve months  
next preceding this offense the  
owner or keeper has not been  
convicted for violation of this  
by-law or a dog owned or kept by  
him has not been taken into cus-  
tody for violation of this by-law,  
the dog officer may waive pros-  
ecution.

A dog officer having custody  
of a dog confined under this by-  
law shall be allowed the sum of  
one dollar and fifty cents per day  
for each day of confinement for  
the care of such dog, payable by  
the owner or keeper thereof.

A violation of this by-law shall  
be punishable by a fine of not  
more than ten dollars for each  
offense.

**SECTION 7:**

A full time Dog Officer and an  
assistant shall be appointed by  
the city and shall have the re-  
sponsibility of enforcing this or-  
dinance.

This ordinance shall take ef-  
fect on July 22, 1968.

In City Council April 22, 1968.

Passed to be ordained by a  
yea and nay vote —

Yeas 7; Nays 2; Absent 0.

Ralph J. Dunphy,

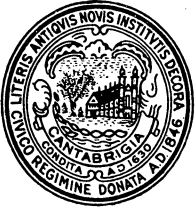
Acting City Manager.

A true copy, Attest: —

Thomas M. McNamara,

City Clerk

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June 23, 1972

Mr. John H. Corcoran  
City Manager  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

The City Council asked me to draft a dog leash law comparable to that of neighboring communities. Arlington and Belmont would appear to be the one communities with strict leash law.

To make the Cambridge ordinance comparable to the Arlington and Belmont by-laws, I would recommend that Section 4-7 of the 1970 Revised Ordinances be amended as follows:

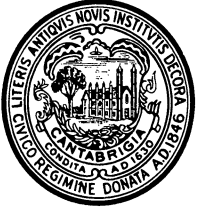
"Sec. 4-7 (a) is amended by striking the entire paragraph (a) and substituting the following new paragraph (a):

"(a) No person owning or keeping a dog shall permit it to be at large other than on his own premises; if it be on the premises of another person it shall be with the knowledge and permission of such other person. The owner, keeper or person having custody of the dog which is not on the premises of the owner or upon the premises of another person with the knowledge and permission of such person shall keep the dog leashed and curbed."

Very truly yours,

Philip M. Cronin  
City Solicitor

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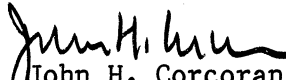
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To the Honorable, the City Council:

I received the enclosed communication from Philip M. Cronin, City Solicitor, as it relates to the preparation of a dog leash law comparable to that of some of our neighboring communities. Mr. Cronin's communication is self-explanatory.

I plan to submit to your Honorable Body additional information in the very near future relative to the implementation of this law.

Very truly yours,

  
John H. Corcoran  
City Manager

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COMMUNICATION  
*from the City Manager trans-*  
*mitting one from* Philip M. Cronin,  
City Solicitor as it relates to the  
preparation of a dog leash law

June 26, 1972

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City*