

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Councillor Duehay

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In City Council,
March 20, 1972.

WHEREAS:-

Repeated questions have been raised by citizens concerning the accuracy of the police listing now underway, especially in apartment buildings; and

WHEREAS:-

This police listing is the basic source of reference used by the Election Commission in determining whether Cambridge citizens are eligible to vote; and

WHEREAS:-

Some 18-20 year old residents living in college dormitories have in recent weeks met with conflicting interpretations of the Constitution of the United States and of the election laws and procedures of this Commonwealth and City while attempting to register to vote; therefore, be it

ORDERED:-

That the City Manager be, and hereby is, requested to ask the Election Commission to bend every effort in encouraging every eligible citizen to register to vote; and be it further

ORDERED:-

That the City Manager be, and hereby is, requested to urge the Election Commission to take certain further steps to see that the police list is compiled accurately and that new citizens and young citizens are allowed to exercise their constitutional right to register to vote, to wit, as follows:

1. to make public, i.e. to make available upon proper inquiry to any interested citizen, a list of all applicants for registration on the voting list who have filed for an appeal before the full Election Commission;

2. to make public the definition the Election Commission uses of: the verb "to reside in" as used in the first sentence of the first paragraph of section 4 of chapter 51 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and the noun phrase "place of residence" as used in section 10A of chapter 51 of said General Laws. In the event that the Election Commission does not have such definitions in written form, the City Manager be, and hereby is, requested to obtain such definitions from the City Solicitor and to make them public.

3. to make public a copy of the "suitable blank" to be furnished "every innholder licensed under any provision of chapter one hundred and forty and every keeper of a lodging house or public lodging house licensed thereunder" for the purpose of getting a true list of all residents of such lodging places pursuant to the indications of section 10A of Chapter 51 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

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4. to give the public adequate assurance that the above mentioned "suitable blank" has, in fact, been furnished to all holders of lodging licenses in the City of Cambridge for the purpose of preparing the 1972 Police List, and be it further

ORDERED:-

That the City Manager be, and hereby is, requested to furnish the City Council a report of progress on these matters at the next regular meeting of the City Council and at subsequent Council meetings until the matters are duly resolved.

City Council March 20, 1972

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Paul E. Healy
City Clerk

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ORDER

Relative to questions raised concerning
accuracy of police listing

March 20, 1972

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