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November 6, 2002

The Honorable Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
House of Representatives
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Toomey:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council, I am forwarding to you for filing with the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the enclosed order adopted by the City Council at its meeting of Monday, November 4, 2002 requesting the enactment of a home rule petition entitled:

**“AN ACT RELATIVE TO AN INCREASE IN THE EXEMPTION FOR RESIDENTIAL
REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FROM 20 PER CENT TO
30 PER CENT.”**

It is my understanding that upon receipt of this legislation you and your staff will review the text of the enclosed legislation to determine its appropriateness for filing and if any changes or corrections are necessary, your office will contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. Margaret Drury
D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

DMD/mc

Enclosures

cc: Representative Demakis
Representative Wolf
Representative Rushing
Representative Kaprielian
Representative Paulsen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
in General Court assembled.

The undersigned, citizens of Cambridge
petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve, and/or for legislation. relative to an increase
in the exemption for residential real property in the city of
Cambridge from 20 per cent to 30 per cent.

Petitioners are requested to sign names and addresses legibly.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWO

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AN INCREASE IN THE EXEMPTION FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE FROM 20 PER CENT TO 30 PER CENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5C of chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, with respect to each parcel of real property classified as Class One, residential, in the city of Cambridge as certified by the commissioner of revenue to be assessing all local property at its full and fair cash valuation, and at the option of the city manager, with approval of the city council, there shall be an exemption equal to not more than 30 per cent of the average assessed value of all Class One, residential, parcels within the city of Cambridge; provided, however, that such an exemption shall be applied only to the principal residence of the taxpayer as used by the taxpayer for income tax purposes. This exemption shall be in addition to any exemptions allowable under section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws; provided, however that in no instance shall the taxable valuation of such property, after all applicable exemptions, be reduced to below 10 percent of its full fair cash valuation, except through the applicability of section 8A of chapter 58 and clause Eighteenth of said section 5 of

said chapter 59. Where, under the provisions of said section 5, the exemption is based upon an amount of tax rather than on valuation, the reduction of taxable valuation for the purposes of the preceding sentence shall be computed by dividing the said amount of tax by the residential class tax rate of the city of Cambridge and multiplying the result by \$1,000. For the purposes of this paragraph, "parcel" shall mean a unit of real property as defined by the assessors in accordance with the deed for such property and shall include a condominium unit.

SECTION 2. A taxpayer aggrieved by the failure to receive such residential exemption may apply for such residential exemption to the assessors in writing on a form approved by the board of assessors within three months after the date on which the bill or notice of assessment was sent.

A timely application filed hereunder shall, for the purposes of this chapter, be treated as a timely filed application pursuant to section 59 of chapter 59 of the General Laws.

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council Nov 4, 2002

Agenda # 9 Home rule petition to increase the residential exemption from 20% to 30%.

YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
✓				Vice Mayor Henrietta Davis
② ✓		① ✓		Ms. Marjorie C. Decker
✓				Mr. Anthony D. Galluccio
✓				Mr. David P. Maher
✓				Mr. Brian Murphy
✓				Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves
✓				Ms. Denise Simmons
✓				Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
✓				Mayor Michael A. Sullivan

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

November 4, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Council Order #0-9 dated 9/23/02 please find attached a draft Home Rule Petition relative to an increase in the exemption for residential real property in the city of Cambridge from 20 per cent to 30 per cent.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

Consent Agenda #9

Home Rule Petition regarding
increasing the exemption for
residential real property from
20% to 30%.

In City Council November 4, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 2002

COUNCILLOR MURPHY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to file with the Massachusetts General Court the attached home rule petition, entitled "An Act Relative to an Increase in the Exemption for Residential Real Property in the City of Cambridge from 20 percent to 30 percent."

In City Council November 4, 2002.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Consent Agenda #9

Home Rule Petition regarding
increasing the exemption for
residential real property from
20% to 30%.

In City Council November 4, 2002

**ORDER TO FILE HOME RULE
PETITION ADOPTED.**

9-0-0.

SEE ORDER #9.