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C. It must extend from the floor to the ceiling and the sides must be sufficiently sealed so as to prevent a hand from sliding past the partition.

D. It must have a change draw, not a window. All licensed hackney carriages must be in compliance with this ordinance within ninety days of its final passage.

E. The License Commission shall require periodic inspections to insure that each owner has complied with the regulations as outlined above and no exceptions to the foregoing regulations will be granted to any owner or any hackney carriage licensed in the City of Cambridge.

In City Council June 23, 1975.

Passed to be ordained by a yea and nay vote:

Yeas 8 ; Nays 0 ; Absent 1.

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ATTEST:  
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MASSACHUSETTS

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|                | YEA | NAY | ABSENT | PRESENT |
|----------------|-----|-----|--------|---------|
| Mrs. Ackermann | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Clinton    | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Danehy     | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Duehay     |     |     | ✓      |         |
| Mrs. Graham    | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Russell    | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Vellucci   | ✓   |     |        |         |
| Mr. Wylie      | ✓   |     |        |         |
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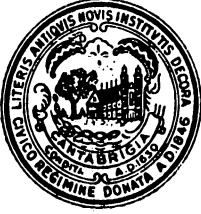
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In City Council June 9, 1975.

Passed to a second reading at a meeting of the City Council held on June 9, 1975 and on or after June 23, 1975 the question may be on passing to be ordained.

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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF  
THE CITY CLERK

May 12, 1975

The Honorable Members of the City Council  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

RE: Partitions for Taxicabs

Dear Councillor:

Pursuant to the order of the City Council of April 28, 1975, enclosed is a proposed amendment of the General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge providing for the installation of partitions for the protection of taxi drivers of the City of Cambridge.

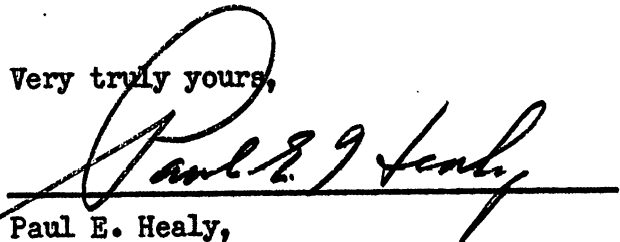
You will note in paragraph D that all licensed hackney carriages must be in compliance of this rule within ninety days after final action by the City Council.

If the effective date is June 2, 1975, the final date for compliance will be on September 2, 1975.

In order to meet the above time schedule it is essential that the proposed ordinance be passed to a second reading at this meeting. Final action and any amendments thereto can be taken on June 2, 1975.

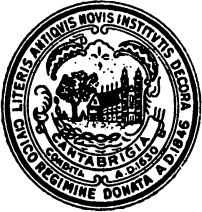
Your early attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the cab drivers of the City of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

  
Paul E. Healy,  
City Clerk.

PEH/dl

Enclosure: Proposed amendment to the General Ordinances.



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*Taxi Cab Order Adopted  
calling for an amendment  
to the Business Regulations*



# City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 28, 1975

Mayor Sullivan

**WHEREAS:**

Cambridge's cab drivers are not afforded any protection from assault by protective partitions, and

**WHEREAS:**

They pay an extremely high price for this lack of protection, and

**WHEREAS:**

To illustrate this problem, in the one month period prior to April 18, 1975, twenty-three Cambridge cab drivers have been either robbed, assaulted or stabbed, and

**WHEREAS:**

Nearly all of these disturbing incidents could have been prevented by protective partitions, and

**WHEREAS:**

With the implementation of the new Gun Law, it is reasonable to expect that the knife will loom even larger as the weapon used in these assaults, and

**WHEREAS:**

These partitions are most successful in deterring knife related assaults, although they have proven to be effective as well in expelling an assailant's bullet, and

**WHEREAS:**

There hangs over the head of all of our drivers the terrible possibility that one of these wanton acts of violence will sooner or later result in the brutal death of one of our drivers, and

**WHEREAS:**

Even with this possibility aside, the violence already enacted upon Cambridge's cab drivers is pervasive and serious enough to justify the installation of these partitions, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:**

That the City Council accept its responsibility in this grave matter and request that the Cambridge License Commission amend its Hackney Regulations so as to include the following amendments:-

"No hackney carriage shall be licensed in the City of Cambridge that does not have a protective partition for the safety of the driver. This partition must meet the following specifications:-

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By passing this order, this City Council can make manifest its determination to put a shield of protection between Cambridge's cab drivers and the violence that they face while performing their jobs.

City Council April 28, 1925

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

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Ordinance on Hackney Carriages. 16-5

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