



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item # 3

17.

IN CITY COUNCIL
~~December 19, 1994~~
 January 9, 1995

COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 MAYOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts owners of open space including forested land and agricultural land are able to realize property tax reductions by contracting to maintain their land undeveloped in its existing use; and

WHEREAS: It would seem that it is of similar communal benefit to our state and to our immediate community in Cambridge if a similar tax advantage were offered to those property owners who agree to maintain affordable rental housing; and

WHEREAS: With Governor Weld's veto of temporary rent control phase-outs, it may be an opportune moment to introduce the enabling state legislation for affordable housing incentives, specifically a separate property tax classification for affordable housing; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager, after consultation with the Finance Director, the Community Development Department, and the City Solicitor report whether such a tax classification can be instituted locally under our current state laws, and consequently what changes to the state laws would be necessary to create such a classification, and whether any other states have done this.

In City Council January 9, 1995.

Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 7; Nays 2; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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 City Clerk

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council January 9 1995

C. Born - Charter Right #3

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Ms. Kathleen L. Born	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay	✓			
Mr. Anthony Galluccio		✓		
Mr. Jonathan S. Myers	✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell		✓		
Mr. Michael A. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	✓			
Ms. Katherine Triantafillou	✓			
Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves	✓			

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Duehay, Reves, Triantafellow

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Consent Order #17

Councillor Born re: Tax reductions for owners of
affordable housing.

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Charter right exercised
by Councillor Sullivan
1/9/95 Order adapted

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