

FRANK J. LEHAN

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

January
Twenty-ninth,
1929.

To the Honorable,
The City Council,
City of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:-

At the regular meeting of your Honorable body held January 22, 1929 one of your number was reported in the public press to have said, in the course of a somewhat impassioned address, that the undersigned while a member of the City Council a few years ago, attempted to put over what that member termed a "deal" with reference to the city owned land on Commercial Avenue.

While I believe that the member so quoted did not intend to convey the impression of wrong doing, - in fact, that member has since your last meeting positively assured me he did not so intend, - yet the "fat is in the fire" and by the light of the glow I would read to you from the official record concerning the so-called "deal".

On April 24, 1923 the Committee on Ordinances, of which I was Chairman, reported as follows:-

AN ORDINANCE

In Relation to the Industrial Commission
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:-

Section 1. In any lease which the Industrial Commission may make of the property managed by it pursuant to Chapter 393 of the Acts of 1913 and amendments thereto, said Commission is authorized to provide as one of the terms of such lease that there shall be paid by the lessee to the broker negotiating such lease a commission not to exceed the sum of five percent of the annual rent plus two and one-half percent of the rent for the balance of the term beyond one year; provided, however, that on a lease for a term of more than twenty-one years the commission shall be computed on the first twenty-one years of the term only.

Section 2. Any amount paid by the lessee in lieu of taxes shall not be regarded as rent for the purpose of computing

brokerage commission.

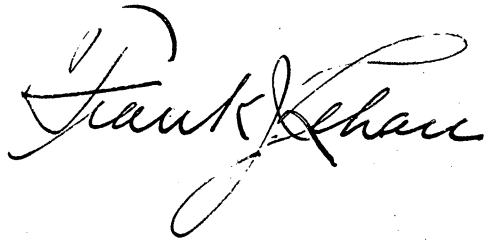
The proposed ordinance failed to pass.

The reason for the proposal was that the Industrial Commission was itself unable to rent the land and could not secure the co-operation of brokers, unless said brokers were paid for their services.

You will note that the lessee (whoever he might be) was to pay the commission - not the City. The amount of commission to be paid, as provided in the proposed ordinance, was the amount scheduled for such services by the Boston Real Estate Exchange.

I believed then - I believe now that the ordinance was both proper and necessary and with all due humility I recommend it even at this late date to your favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank Khan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Frank Khan".

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**To the Honorable, the City Council
of the City of Cambridge:**

The undersigned respectfully pray

Communication

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an ordinance "In Relation to
the Industrial Commission"

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Attest:

Frederick H. Rich

City Clerk.