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June 24, 1977

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

It has been brought to my attention that the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 99 which was accepted by the City Council in March of this year has raised certain questions relative to its implementation.

As you know, Section 99 relates to so-called "advance payments" which the City may elect to provide to retired city employees who are awaiting processing of their applications for retirement.

It should be noted that the statute does not specifically include widows or widowers of retirees within its provisions. However the language of this section as well as related sections of Chapter 32 clearly reflect a legislative intent to provide widows and widowers with the benefits contained in Section 99 of Chapter 32.

It is my opinion, therefore, that widows and widowers are entitled to the benefits of Section 99 to the same extent that their spouses would have been entitled, had they been living at the time applicable to said section.

Very truly yours,


Russell B. Higley
City Solicitor

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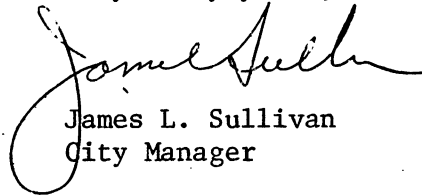
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 12, 1977

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 3 relative to Chapter 32, Section 99, of the General Laws, enclosed please find copy of a communication from Russell B. Higley, City Solicitor.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

Agenda #4

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 3, re:
Chapter 32, Section 99, of the General Laws

In City Council,
Sept. 12, 1977

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