

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Councillor Clinton

In City Council,  
January 24, 1972

WHEREAS:-

The City Council of the City of Cambridge has once again accepted the provisions of Chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970 instituting Rent Control; and

WHEREAS:-

Provisions of Chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970, Section 3 as accepted provided an exemption from Rent Control to all owner occupied two or three family dwellings; rental units in hotels, motels, inns, tourist homes and rooming or boarding houses; rental units, the construction of which was completed on or after January 1, 1969, or which are housing units created by conversion from a non-housing to a housing use on or after said date; non-profit nursing or rest homes; and

WHEREAS:-

The Federal Government under the provisions of the Economic Stabilization Act has exempted various housing units from the provisions of Rent Control; and

WHEREAS:-

The imposition of Rent Control has in 1971 represented an administrative cost of \$1.00 per \$1,000 on the Tax Rate; and

WHEREAS:-

The re-enactment of Rent Control under the administration of a five member Board in 1972 would appear to cause an increase in administrative expense; and

WHEREAS:-

Under the provisions of Chapter 842 of the Acts of 1970 as accepted, it would appear that those exempted properties are deemed not to be contributing to the "housing crisis" in Cambridge which is attributed to in the Rent Control "Declaration of Emergency," and

WHEREAS:-

The imposition of Rent Control therefore seems to impose a discriminatory tax on exempt properties; now therefore be it

ORDERED:-

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Board of Assessors to grant an abatement proportionate to the taxpayers burden of the administrative cost of Rent Control to all owners of housing units which are exempt from the provisions of the "Rent Control Law."

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