



# City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER  
CALENDAR ITEM # 2

5.  
IN CITY COUNCIL

April 12, 1993  
April 26, 1993

COUNCILLOR WOLF

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**WHEREAS:** The City of Cambridge's rent control laws are being debated both inside and outside of Cambridge, before the state's legislative local affairs committee, and in regional newspapers, and on radio stations and television; and

**WHEREAS:** There is a repeated refrain from those claiming to be harmed by Cambridge's rent control laws, most recently in the lead article in the Cambridge Chronicle, that real estate agents and lawyers advised them to ignore the rent control laws in buying rent controlled condominiums; now therefore be it

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested, after consultation with the City Solicitor, to launch an investigation into the allegations of improper activities by real estate agents and lawyers using all appropriate resources including, but not limited to, investigative resources in the Police Department; and be it further

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In City Council April 26, 1993.

Adopted as amended by a yeas and nays vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 1; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

*D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



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✓				Mr. Francis H. Duehay
✓				Mr. Jonathan S. Myers
✓				Mrs. Sheila T. Russell
✓				Mr. Walter J. Sullivan
✓				Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
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Boston Globe  
3/28/93

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NON-CONSENT ORDER #5

CM-114

Councillor Wolf re: Allegations of improper activities by real estate agents and lawyers advising people to ignore the rent control laws in buying rent controlled condominiums.

In City Council,

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Charter Right exercised  
by Councillor Walsh

4/26/93 Order adopted  
as amended

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