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October 11, 1979

Mr. James L. Sullivan  
City Manager  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Re: Recodification of City Ordinances

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am writing to respond to your inquiry relative to what preparatory steps would have to be taken in order for the City Council to take a vote on the proposed recodification of the General Ordinances. It is my understanding that this inquiry was initiated by Councillor Wylie via Council Order No. 6 of June 25, 1979.

As you are aware, this issue was last considered during the 1976 to 1977 period. At the present time, all of the chapters of the General Ordinances (the Cambridge City Code) as originally revised in 1975 have been recorded on magnetic tape by a word processing machine. This 1975 draft was considered chapter by chapter at numerous meetings before the Committee on Ordinances. During those meetings, numerous department heads offered recommendations relative to changes which they felt should be incorporated into the proposed draft. The Committee approved some of these recommendations and these changes were duly recorded.

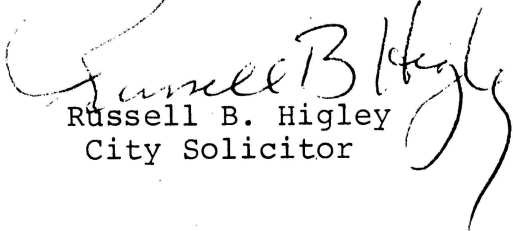
Additionally, since 1976 the City Council has enacted new ordinances covering a variety of novel issues, as well as, amended existing ordinances. Consequently, the procedure necessary to prepare an up-to-date draft of the City Code would require a careful review of the changes recommended by the Ordinance Committee, and a redraft of each chapter to incorporate said recommended changes, as well as, all ordinances enacted after 1975 into the text of the new draft.

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This project would require a joint effort between the City Clerk's Office, the Law Department, and the Ordinance Committee. In my opinion, such an undertaking, to be performed accurately and thoroughly, would require at least two months of preparation prior to submittal to the Council.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Russell B. Higley  
City Solicitor

RBH:jl



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

October 15, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 9,  
regarding the recodification of City ordinances, I  
transmit herewith a copy of a self-explanatory commun-  
ication from Russell B. Higley, City Solicitor.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

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Response to Awaiting Report no. 9 re:  
recodification of the City Ordinances.

In City Council,  
October 15, 1979

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Referred to the  
- Committee on Ordinances -