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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
In the Year
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Eighty-One
AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge".

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows: Chapter Two, entitled "Administration" is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new Article XXXIII entitled "Energy Commission" which reads as follows:

Article XXXIII.

Energy Commission
Section 1. Findings.

(A) Cambridge voters at the November 6, 1979 City election overwhelmingly approved, by a 4 to 1 vote, Question 3, which in part advised this City Council "actively to encourage building insulation, energy conservation, and the use of solar power and other safe renewable energy sources in the City, thereby saving Cambridge residents money and creating new jobs".

(B) A national energy crisis exists which threatens the well-being of our country and of its citizens, and this energy crisis is particularly acute in New England.

(C) Many measures to conserve energy and to encourage the use of energy from safe, renewable sources can best be taken at the municipal level.

(D) The development of a comprehensive energy plan for the City of Cambridge is an important step in this direction.

(E) On June 11, 1979, Councillor Alfred Vellucci placed an Order before the City Council calling for the establishment of an Energy Control Commission.

(F) Citizen involvement is crucial to the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Energy Plan.

Section 2. Establishment.
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge:

A Cambridge Energy Commission of fifteen members is established, its members to be appointed by the City Manager in such a manner as to be representative of the City's population.

Section 3. Powers and Duties.

The Commission is charged with
(A) Assessing current energy use levels and projecting future energy use levels in Cambridge in the areas of industry, commerce, institutions, residential dwellings, transportation, and municipal dwellings.

(B) Investigating means to increase the overall energy use efficiency in the City, to decrease the use of energy from non-renewable sources and to encourage the use of energy from renewable sources in the above six areas.

(C) Evaluating current land-use policies for their effectiveness in promoting energy conservation and stimulating the use of alternative forms of energy, being attentive to the relationship between transportation and land use, built areas and open space, as well as to the configuration of buildings and street plantings.

(D) Developing and recommending to the City Manager and the City Council, on or before July 1, 1981, a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cambridge.

(E) Drafting, for consideration by the City Council, ordinances, rules, regulations, policies and programs necessary for the implementation of the Comprehensive Energy Plan Section 4. Principles.

The Commission, in developing a Comprehensive Energy Plan, should be mindful of the following principles.

(A) All actions must enhance Cambridge's attractiveness as a place to live and do business.

(B) The social and economic differences among both people and firms must be recognized and accommodated.

(C) All sectors of the City's economy must be dealt with equitably.

(D) Conservation measures must be cost-effective.

(E) The success of a Comprehensive Energy Plan depends on the members of the community, both individually, taking part in its development and implementation, and upon a shared sense of responsibility for the goal of energy conservation.

Section 5. Public Involvement.

(A) The Commission should involve the public at large in its deliberations to the greatest extent possible.

(B) The Commission may, in pursuit of its task, invoke the participation of other interested persons by creating such Task Forces as it sees fit.

Section 6. Staff Support.

The City Manager shall provide the Commission with the necessary staff support.

In City Council April 27, 1981.

Passed to be ordained by a yeas and nays vote: Yeas 6; Nays 0; Absent 3.

James L. Sullivan,
City Manager.
Paul E. Healy,
City Clerk

ATTEST:-

(C) Apr. 30

