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BY HAND

May 23, 1988

Mr. Robert MacQueen
House Clerk
Massachusetts House of Representatives
Rcom 145
The State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. MacQueen:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council, I am forwarding to you for filing with the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the enclosed order adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 25, 1988 approving the filing of the attached legislation entitled "AN ACT AMENDING THE CAMBRIDGE RENT CONTROL LAW".

Your kind attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated, both by this office and the City Council.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Connarton
Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk.

JEC/mh
Enclosures



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
VICE-MAYOR WOLF

Calendar Item No. 7
12.
IN CITY COUNCIL

April 11, 1988
April 25, 1988

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- WHEREAS: On such occasions, it is often necessary to rent one's residence; and
- WHEREAS: The basic goals of rent control are not furthered by placing such temporary arrangements under rent control; therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City hereby proposes to set the policy that a unit which is a person's principal residence, when vacated for a limited period of time not to exceed two years for reasons such as work, sabbatical leave or health care, be exempt from rent control provided that he/she has not taken up permanent residence elsewhere; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby approve, under section 8(1) of article 2, as amended by article 89, of the Amendments to the Constitution, a petition to the General Court to enact the attached special law entitled, "An Act Amending The Cambridge Rent Control Law"; and be it further
- ORDERED: That, upon passage of the home rule petition by the State Legislature, the Rent Control Board develop regulations for implementation of the amendment that includes protections against potential misuse of this amendment; and be it further
- ORDERED: That these regulations would ensure that:
- (1) It is recognized that the purpose of this amendment to the Rent Control Act is to allow people to leave their own home and rent it out for a limited period of time without placing it under rent control. It is not meant to exempt from rent control any units other than the owner's unit.
 - (2) This provision is not abused and that minimal bureaucracy is used to carry this out. To that end, the regulations should provide for some mechanism that requires the owner to provide evidence that he/she expects to return.

In City Council April 25, 1988.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 2.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *Joseph E. Connarton*
Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY- EIGHT

AN ACT AMENDING THE CAMBRIDGE RENT CONTROL LAW

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of Section 3 of Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1976 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

- 8) The unit that is an owner's principal residence, while vacated and rented by said owner for a period not to exceed two years, if the owner has not taken up residence elsewhere with the intention of not returning and has resided in the principal residence for at least two years immediately before vacating it.

SECTION 2. This Act shall not apply to leases agreed to and tenancies created before the effective date of this Act.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
in General Court assembled.

The undersigned, citizens of Cambridge respectfully
petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve, and/or for legislation

AN ACT AMENDING THE CAMBRIDGE RENT CONTROL LAW

Petitioners are requested to sign names and addresses legibly.

Sheela T. Russell

Alan K. Kelly

David E. Sullivan

Wm H Walsh

Wm H. Aubrey

Mayor Alfred Villanelli

5 Hawthorne Park, Cambridge 02134

18 Huron Ave Cambridge 02138

323 Allston St., Cambridge

26 Hurlbut St Comb

26 Lowell St. Cambridge

42 Porter St Cambridge



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In City Council April 25 1988

C. Danehy - Lay on the Table Charter Right #7

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay		✓		
Ms. Sandra Graham			✓	
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓			
Mr. David E. Sullivan		✓		
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan			✓	
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf		✓		
Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci		✓		

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Failed of Adoption

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council April 25 1988

Mayor Vellucci - Moved adoption of Charter Right #7

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Charter Right by C. Danehy



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Order #12

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C.Duehay & VM Wolf order re: that the City Council approve, under section 8(1) of article 2, as amended by article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution, a petition to the General Court to enact the attached special law entitled "An Act Amending the Cambridge Rent Control Law".

Original filed by hand with Home
Clerk by the City Clerk on May 23'88
copies transmitted within

In City Council,

April 11, 1988

4-11-88

C. Duehay & VM WOLF

Charter Right exercised
by C. Duehay.

4-25-88

Order Adopted

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