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City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER
25.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 1993

COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: Under M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section, Clause 3rd, allows university and college-owned property to be tax exempt; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of this exemption is a noble one and one which is necessary for the advancement of education; and

WHEREAS: In Cambridge, university and college-owned properties equal 28% of the City; and

WHEREAS: Many of these properties are not used for strictly educational purposes; and

WHEREAS: The 1990's are a time of financial desperation for the cities and towns of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Certain universities and colleges do make gifts in lieu of taxes to Cambridge, but said payments by no means repay the City and Citizens for services rendered to these institutions; and

WHEREAS: In fact, certain university and college property shelters for-profit entities and contributes no additional tax revenue; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to have the City Solicitor draw appropriate legislation to amend the existing state statute to reflect that all properties which are owned by universities and colleges which shelter entirely or partially for profit businesses, and all real estate acquired by universities and colleges which are not used for education or shelter of students or faculty, shall be taxed at 100% of fair market value, with pro-rata taxation of all portions of those properties used partially for profit purposes; and be it further

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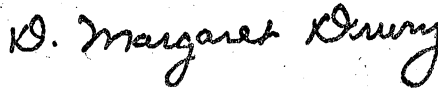
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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 28, 1993

COUNCILLOR WALSH
~~COUNCILLOR RUSSELL~~
~~COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN~~
~~COUNCILLOR TOOMEY~~

WHEREAS, Under M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 3rd, allows university and college-owned property to be tax exempt; and

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RESOLVED, That the City Manager is requested to have the City Solicitor draw appropriate legislation to amend the existing state statute to reflect that all properties which are owned by universities and colleges which shelter entirely or partially for profit businesses, and all real estate acquired by universities and colleges which are not used for education or shelter of students or faculty, shall be taxed at 50% of fair market value.

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NON-CONSENT ORDER #25

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Councillor Walsh re: Home Rule Petition
to be drawn up regarding changes to tax
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In City Council,

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Order adopted as
amended

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