



LAW DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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February 24, 1933.

The Honorable, The City Council of the City of Cambridge,
City Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

You have requested my opinion on the following question:

"Whether or not it is legal in the case of contractors filing bids on Police Station which called for the bids to be accompanied by a certified check for \$10,000 to withdraw said certified check and file in its place a bid bond for said amount".

I find no requirement either in the General Laws or in the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge that a deposit be made by a contractor bidding on a proposed building, although, as a practical matter, it is customary to require such a deposit.

In the absence of any such requirement, it is my opinion that there is nothing illegal in a modification of the terms of the bidding whereby a contractor is allowed to withdraw his certified check and file in place thereof a bid bond for the same amount, provided the bond is a surety bond with sufficient surety.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Twomey
City Solicitor.

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To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

Communication
from the City Solicitor in re-
PETITION

sponse to an order of the City Council adopted on January 31, 1933, stating that in his opinion there is nothing illegal in a ~~for~~ modification of the terms of the bidding whereby a contractor is allowed to withdraw his certified check and file in place thereof a bid bond for the same amount, provided the bond ~~493-~~ is a surety bond with sufficient surety.

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In City Council,

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Referred to the Committee on

Placed on File

Attest:

Frederick H. Beale

City Clerk



City of Cambridge

In City Council

January 31, 1933.

ORDERED:-

That the City Solicitor be requested to inform the City Council whether or not it is legal in the case of contractors filing bids on Police Station which called for the bids to be accompanied by a certified check for \$10,000 to withdraw said certified check and file in place a bid bond for said amount.

In City Council JAN 31 1933

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 13 members.

Frederick H. Buale City Clerk.

City of Cambridge,

FEB 2 1933

Presented to the Mayor
for approval.

Frederick H. Buel

City Clerk

Order
relative to contractors
and their bonds on the
Police Station building

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Jan. 31, 1933

City of Cambridge

In City Council

Mr. Murphy