



City of Cambridge

47.

IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR MYERS

NOVEMBER 5, 1990

- WHEREAS:** The role of the Inspectional Services Department is a crucial one in the city as it enforces the building code which provides for the safety and protection of Cambridge's residents with regard to the conditions which they must live in their living units; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to this particularly important role of the Inspectional Services Department it is vital that the laws as they pertain to the building code be consistently administered and that violations when cited must be followed through until the point of completion; and
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- WHEREAS:** The problems evidenced in these buildings are examples of situations which arise in other buildings as well; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services and to develop strategies to address this problem, and to advise the Council as to what specific steps can be taken to ensure that the law is consistently administered and enforced in a timely fashion as it relates to the living conditions of the residents of this city; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the City Manager report back to the City Council within one month's time.

In City Council November 5, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Order # 47 F 624

Councillor Myers re: conflicts in
the rent control, zoning and building laws.

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Order adopted