



City of Cambridge

7.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 18, 1989

COUNCILLOR WALTER J. SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That all items currently pending before the City Council with the exception of those items currently listed under "Unfinished Business" and not acted upon by the end of the 1989 legislative session be placed in the files of the City Clerk without prejudice, subject to recall by any member.

In City Council December 18, 1989.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council Feb 13 1989

C. D. Sullivan *Tabling From the Table / Cal. #5*

	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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D. The City Manager shall appoint an Advisory Commission on Appointments, composed of seven residents of the city who shall so far as possible fairly reflect the city's composition by geography, political viewpoint, sex, race, status as homeowner or tenant, ethnic origin, and economic status. The members shall serve staggered two-year terms. Not later than sixty days after any vacancy arises in any board or commission to be filled by the City Manager, whether by death, resignation, disqualification, or expiration of term, the Advisory Committee shall give notice of the vacancy, in both Cambridge weekly newspapers, shall actively solicit qualified applicants, and shall publicly recommend not fewer than three such applicants to the City Manager. The City Manager shall not fill any such position until the Advisory Committee has made its recommendations or until sixty days have expired from the creation of the vacancy.

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City of Cambridge

In City Council July 25, 1988

The Ordinance

Committee

The Committee on Ordinances, comprised of the entire membership of the City Council conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, July 20, 1988 beginning at 9:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss a motion submitted by Councillor William Walsh relative to a proposed amendment to the General Ordinances which would limit to a maximum of ten years the time which individuals may serve on Municipal Boards and Commissions.

At this time, Councillor Walsh relinquished the Chair to Councillor Sheila Russell, so he may speak to the motion.

Councillor Walsh stated he submitted the original motion in an effort to provide some organizational structure to the appointment process while taking several factors into consideration, including people who serve in hold-over status for long periods of time, long-term vacancies, as well as the issue of individuals serving on dual Boards indefinitely. Consequently, he stated, he requested an opinion from the City Solicitor.

Councillor Francis Duehay stated he had a couple of questions on the proposed amendment and requested the City Clerk to communicate them to the City Manager. They are as follows:

First, may someone who completed consecutive terms as defined in the Ordinance on a Board or Commission be reappointed after having not served for the period of one full term?

Secondly, if someone's term expires and no new appointment is made by said expiration date, does the individual remain in hold-over status?

Thirdly, if a vacancy is not filed within the 90 day time period as proposed, what happens relative to the appointment?

He further stated that these issues should be addressed in amendment form to the proposal so that the final document is clear.

Councillor Sheila Russell requested the City Manager also answer the question as to whether or not this proposal, as written, would preclude someone from serving on more than one Board or Commission simultaneously. Furthermore, she questioned whether or not a person, upon completion of a term on one Board or Commission may serve on another.

Councillor Walter Sullivan moved the proposed amendment be referred to the full City Council without recommendation. The motion - prevailed.

The hearing was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

For the Committee


Councillor William H. Walsh
Chairman.

REPORT**Committee on Ordinances**

Re: order introduced by Councillor Walsh calling for a proposed amendment to the General Ordinances which would limit to a maximum of 10 years the time in which persons may serve on Municipal Boards & Commissions.

*Yabled by
Councillor Walsh*

*12/28/89 Placed on
file without prejudice
See Order # 7 of
12/18/89*

In City Council,

July 25, 1988