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May 27, 1998

**TO:** Robert W. Healy, City Manager

**FROM:** Board of Assessors

**SUBJECT:** Board of Assessors' Vote to Request the Commissioner of Revenue's Authorization to Issue FY99 Preliminary Tax Bills

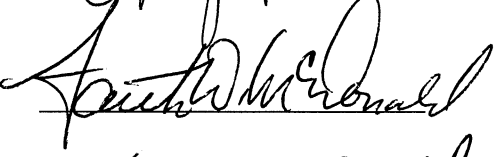
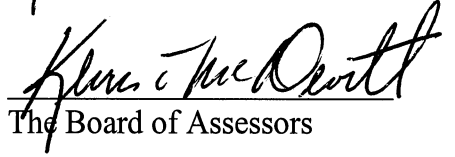
As you know, FY99 is a triennial certification year for Cambridge. The Assessing Department is conducting its valuation procedures on schedule for Fall, 1998 billing.

Today, May 27, 1998, the Board of Assessors voted to seek approval from the Commissioner of Revenue to issue a notice of preliminary tax.

While the Assessors do not anticipate a hold-up in final certification by the D.O.R., we thought it wise for the City to be prepared for a worst-case scenario of issuing preliminary (estimated) tax bills at first-half billing time. For the city to receive approval from the Commissioner of Revenue the Assessors must have voted to take this action on or before August 15, 1998. **A vote to request approval to issue preliminary tax bills does not obligate the city to do so if subsequent events enable the timely setting of a tax rate and mailing of tax bills.** This latter is in fact what is anticipated for FY99.

Chapter 59, Section 23D of Massachusetts General Laws requires that the Assessors inform the City Council immediately of its vote. Please accept this memorandum as such notice and inform the City Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 1998.

Submitted by:

  
  
  
The Board of Assessors



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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June 1, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your information a notification from the Board of Assessors relative to the Board of Assessors' vote to request the Commissioner of Revenue's authorization to issue FY99 preliminary tax bills.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #19

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A notification from the Board of Assessors regarding their vote to request the Commissioner of Revenue's authorization to issue FY99 preliminary tax bills.

In City Council June 1, 1998

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