



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Joseph Cellucci, Commissioner of Inspectional Services
Chief Thomas Scott, Fire Dept. **Date** September 8, 1986

From Joseph E. Connarton, ^{JEC}Acting City Clerk **Reference**

Subject City Council hearing scheduled for September 15th
at 6:00 p.m.

Please be advised that the City Council has scheduled a public hearing to be held on Monday, September 15, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber to discuss Section 26G of the General Laws, allowing cities to require automatic sprinkler systems in commercial buildings with over 75,000 square feet in area. Your presence is requested at this time.

Your very kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated, both by this office and the City Council.

JEC/mh



City of Cambridge

17.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 1986

COUNCILLOR DAVID SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the provision of Section 26G of Chapter 148 of the General Laws, which allows cities to require automatic sprinkler systems in commercial buildings with over 75,000 square feet in area.

In City Council September 15, 1986.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

17.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 1986

COUNCILLOR DAVID SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the provision of Section 26G of Chapter 148 of the General Laws, which allows cities to require automatic sprinkler systems in commercial buildings with over 75,000 square feet in area.

In City Council September 15, 1986.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.



City of Cambridge

17.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 1986

COUNCILLOR DAVID SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record accepting the provision of Section 26G of Chapter 148 of the General Laws, which allows cities to require automatic sprinkler systems in commercial buildings with over 75,000 square feet in area.

In City Council September 15, 1986.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

§ 26F

PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD ORDER

1979 Enactment. St.1979, c. 712, § 1, was approved Nov. 9, 1979, and by § 2 made effective Jan. 1, 1982.

Municipal Corporations ⇐603.
C.J.S. Health and Environment §§ 28 to 36, 52.
C.J.S. Municipal Corporations §§ 254 to 257.

Library References

Health and Environment ⇐32.

✓ § 26G. Nonresidential buildings or additions; automatic suppressant or sprinkler systems

In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, every building or addition of more than seven thousand five hundred gross square feet in floor area shall be protected throughout with an adequate system of automatic sprinklers in accordance with the provisions of the state building code. No such sprinkler system shall be required unless sufficient water and water pressure exists. For purposes of this section, the gross square feet of a building or addition shall include the sum total of the floor areas for all floor levels, basements and sub-basements, measured from outside walls, irrespective of the existence of interior fire resistive walls, floors and ceilings.

In such buildings or additions, or in certain areas of such buildings or additions, where the discharge of water would be an actual danger in the event of fire, the head of the fire department shall permit the installation of such other fire suppressant systems as are prescribed by the state building code in lieu of automatic sprinklers. Automatic suppressant or sprinkler systems shall not be required in rooms or areas of a telephone central office equipment building when such rooms or areas are protected with an automatic fire alarm system. Sprinkler systems shall not be required in a one story building having a fire resistance rating as prescribed in the state building code that is used solely for offices provided the building is protected by an automatic fire alarm system. This section shall not apply to buildings or additions used for residential purposes.

The head of the fire department shall enforce the provisions of this section.

Added by St.1982, c. 545, § 1.

1982 Enactment. St.1982, c. 545, § 1, was approved Dec. 15, 1982, and by § 2 made applicable to construction of buildings or additions or major alterations commenced after July 1, 1983.

Library References

Municipal Corporations ⇐601.1.
C.J.S. Municipal Corporations §§ 224, 225.

§ 27. Failure to comply with order of marshal

Any owner of a building who, within six months after having received an order from the marshal under section twenty-six, fails to comply with the requirement of such order shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

Amended by St.1973, c. 395, § 2.

1973 Amendment. St.1973, c. 395, § 2, substituted "section twenty-six" for "the preceding section", in conformity with enactment of § 26A of this chapter by § 1 of this act.

St.1973, c. 395, was passed notwithstanding the Governor's objections by the House of Rep-

resentatives on June 7, 1973, and by the Senate on June 12, 1973.

See, also, the note under § 26A of this chapter.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139
TEL. 498-9011

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

August 4, 1986

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 5 regarding acceptance of Section 26G of Chapter 148 of the Massachusetts General Laws which allows cities to require automatic sprinkler systems in commercial buildings with over 75,000 square feet in area, I have contacted Chief Scott of the Fire Department who recommends adoption. This section would affect all non-residential building construction commenced after July 1, 1983. It is my recommendation that the enclosed section be referred to the Public Safety Committee or a public hearing before the City Council with proper notification to all affected property owners.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the typed name and title.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 5 on
Section 26G of the General Laws, allowing
cities to require automatic sprinkler systems
in commercial buildings with over 75 00 sq.
ft. in area.

In City Council,

August 4, 1986

C.D. Sullivan

UMU Hearing scheduled
MS Sept. 15, 1986 @ 6 P.M.
NF

Mr. Callahan, Chief of Staff notified of
hearing 9/8/86 - copy within

see order adopted on 9/15/86 - copy
within