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July 25, 1995

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 FY96 Preliminary Tax Bills

As you know, FY96 is a triennial certification year for Cambridge. The Assessing Department is completing its valuation procedures on schedule for Fall, 1996 billing. To date, the Department of Revenue's Bureau of Local Assessment has approved our procedures and, on residential properties, completed its sales ratio analyses of our proposed values.

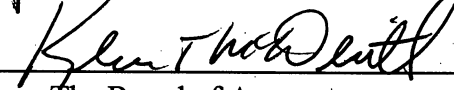
Today, July 25, 1995, the Board of Assessors voted to seek approval from the Commissioner of Revenue to issue a notice of preliminary tax.

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, 1995. **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 FY96.

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 July 31, 1995.

Submitted by:




The Board of Assessors



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July 31, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Attached please find a communication from Sally Powers, Director of the Board of Assessors informing the City Council that the Board is seeking approval from the Commissioner of Revenue to issue preliminary (estimated) first half FY1996 tax bills.

As you are aware, FY1996 is a revaluation re-certification year which requires Department of Revenue approval of all property values prior to the mailing of tax bills.

While the Assessors expect values to be certified by the state in time to mail actual tax bills, they have sought state approval for preliminary bills as a caution. Approval by the State for preliminary bills does not prevent the mailing of actual bills.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 20 F-161

Board of Assessors seeks approval from the
Commissioner of Revenue to issue preliminary
(estimated) first half fiscal year 1996 tax
bills.

In City Council,

July 31, 1995

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