



City of Cambridge

46.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 12, 1994

VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Much of Cambridge's unique and historic character lies in housing stock which has been rent controlled; and

WHEREAS: Much or all of that housing stock will be removed in the near future from regulations that have significantly restricted its development and alteration; and

WHEREAS: The rent controlled housing stock, even as it becomes unregulated, still represents a potentially large inventory of comparatively affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS: The condition of the rent controlled housing stock may have been critically affected by years of disinvestment and a very slow rate of capital improvement; and

WHEREAS: Unrestrained and unthoughtful development and renovation may not adequately address serious structural problems, ensure the long-term survival of the buildings; preserve affordability of the units, or preserve the historic character of the stock; and

WHEREAS: Some buildings which face the prospect of demolition might be saved with judicious planning; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager, in consultation with Community Development, Zoning, Planning, Historical Commission and Inspectional Services, develop a proposal for a program allied to one of these city agencies, which would address the above mentioned concerns in a timely manner and in particular:

1. Assess the condition of rent controlled housing stock.
2. Determine possible strategies for impacting the development and improvement of the stock, including technical assistance and outreach to property owners, home improvement loan search and assistance, improved guidelines for zoning and planing, possible new regulations, etc.

3. Implement these strategies in a housing improvement program.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Consent ~~EMM~~ Order #46 CM-413

Vice Mayor Russell re: Develop a proposal
for a program to assess the condition
of rent controlled housing stock.

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Order adopted