



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR WALSH

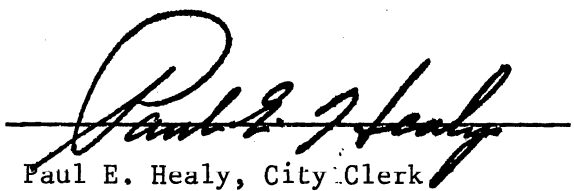
February 3, 1986

- WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, in what is known as the Buehler case, has recently upheld a ruling by the Appellate Tax Board which in 1984 had ruled against the Town of Brookline and its method of determining the value of rent-controlled apartment buildings. Landlords challenged the methods used by the Town Assessors claiming that it resulted in higher valuations and therefore higher tax bills which the Town refused to abate; and
- WHEREAS: The ruling in the Buehler case appears to apply to communities wherein rent control laws limit profits from apartment buildings; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be requested to direct the Chairman of the Cambridge Board of Assessors and Peter Helwig to attend the meeting of the Cambridge City Council to be held on February 10, 1986 in order to discuss the impact of the Buehler case on revaluation, Cambridge assessing practices towards rent control property and whether the assessors are recognizing the effect of rent control on the value of the property.

In City Council February 3, 1986.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Order #2

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C. Walsh order re: City Manager to direct the Chairman of the Board of Assessors & Peter Helwig to attend the February 10, 1986 Council meeting to discuss the impact of the Buehler case on revaluation & assessing practices as they affect rent controlled property.

In City Council,

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