



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Six

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 11 entitled: "Health and Housing" is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11

HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND HOUSING

Section 11-1. Qualifications of Commissioner of Health and Hospitals.

There shall be a Commissioner of Health and Hospitals and in addition to the qualifications required by any Special Act of the Legislature, the Commissioner shall have proven administrative experience in the areas of planning, establishing priorities, personnel, program management, and/or budgeting.

Section 11-2. Duties and Powers of Commissioner.

(a) The Commissioner shall not engage in the private practice of medicine and shall devote his entire time to the performance of the duties of Commissioner.

(b) The Commissioner shall be responsible for promoting and protecting the health of the citizens of Cambridge. The Commissioner shall see that, within the City, the laws of the Commonwealth, including regulations, and the Ordinances of the City pertaining to public health, hospitals and housing are faithfully executed and enforced. The Commissioner shall have overall charge of all city operated health care programs and treatment facilities.

(c) The Commissioner shall appoint and supervise health department personnel and shall appoint the members of the medical staff or staffs of said facilities and their assistants from those recommended by the medical staff in conformity with the medical staff by-laws, with the approval of the ~~Cambridge Health Policy Board and the~~ City Manager.

(d) The Commissioner shall acquire, analyze, use and store health related statistics for program planning and evaluation purposes.

(e) The Commissioner shall identify anticipated community health needs and assess the adequacy of public and private health resources to meet those needs.

(f) The Commissioner shall coordinate with federal, state, regional and private health planning and/or delivery groups to ensure that the Department of Health and Hospitals is responsive to the health service needs of all members of the community.

(g) Although the Commissioner retains full authority for action, the Commissioner shall discuss major problem areas and proposed policy changes with the Health Policy Board and is expected to reach agreement with them before making policy changes.

(h) The Commissioner shall supply information and staff support as reasonably requested by the Health Policy Board so that it may be fully informed.

(i) The Commissioner shall attend all meetings of the Cambridge Health Policy Board except for justifiable cause such as illness, absence from the City or unless otherwise assigned by the City Manager, and attend as many subcommittee meetings of said Board as is reasonably practical or possible.

(j) The Commissioner shall present the budget for the Department of Health and Hospitals to the Cambridge Health Policy Board for review and comment, prior to its submission to the City Manager.

(k) The Commissioner shall develop needed proposals and programs; shall approve and coordinate all grant proposals relating to health matters in the community; shall coordinate the delivery of care by City and private health providers; shall monitor the quality of private facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, and community residences; shall promote health education and advocate health standards.

(l) The Commissioner shall prepare and submit to the City Manager an annual report on the activities of his department during the preceding fiscal year.

(m) The Commissioner shall perform such other duties and responsibilities as may from time to time be assigned by the City Manager.

(n) The Commissioner shall promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations necessary or proper for the administration of the Department of Health, Hospitals, and Housing as may be required by this Chapter and by law.

Section 11-3. Compensation.

(a) The commissioner shall receive such salary as the City Council shall determine from time to time. The Commissioner shall be provided with suitable office accommodations at the expense of the City and under the direction of the City Manager.

(b) Members of the Health Policy Board and the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation, but they may be reimbursed for any expense which may reasonably be incurred through service on either Board.

Section 11-4. Cambridge Health Policy Board: ~~Composition.~~

(a) There shall be a Cambridge Health Policy Board consisting of twelve (12) members, which number may be altered by an amendment to this Ordinance by the City Council. ~~The members of said Board shall serve without compensation.~~

(b) The members shall be appointed by the City Manager for terms of three (3) years. Initial appointments shall be for the following terms: Four (4) members for a term of three (3) years, four (4) members for a term of two (2) years, and four (4) members for a term of one (1) year.

(c) One month prior to making said appointments or reappointments, the City Manager shall solicit nominations from as many public service groups and other sources as possible, including but not limited to: 1) medical professionals - physicians, dentists, nurses, and social workers; 2) other professionals and people representing the public interest - lawyers, clergy, environmentalists, financial professionals (bankers, accountants), and individuals suggested by business organizations, social agencies and universities; 3) consumers - representing low-income, elderly, non-English speaking, and other consumer groups. The City Manager shall at all times endeavor to achieve and maintain a fair balance on the Board among these three major categories. He shall endeavor to locate individuals who have made significant contributions to public service activities, and who represent a broad cross section of the City's consumer interests. Such individuals must also have been residents of Cambridge for at least four (4) years.

(d) The Health Policy Board shall hold regular meetings at least once each month, and if board members fail to attend a third of the regular meetings without adequate explanation, the Manager shall replace them automatically by the same method.

(e) The Health Policy Board shall effectively address each of the following areas: Hospital and Infirmary, Community Health Services, Environment, and Mental Health and Retardation; ~~and to accomplish this purpose may establish Ad-Hoc committees as required.~~

(f) The City Manager shall appoint a part-time secretary of the Health Policy Board who shall prepare meeting agendas, coordinate the gathering of information for ~~the~~ said Board, record minutes of Board meetings, distribute the above material to Board Members, and perform whatever additional functions as may be assigned by ~~the~~ said Board from time to time.

Chapter 11 of the Cambridge City Code is hereby further amended by inserting the following new section:

Section 11-5. Board of Trustees.

(a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the City-operated health treatment facilities consisting of fifteen (15) members. Six (6) members must be individuals who are also members of the Health Policy Board.

(b) The Board of Trustees shall advise the City-operated health treatment facility directors, and shall review the budgets and the medical staff appointments of said health treatment facilities.

(c) The directors of said facility shall supply information and staff support as reasonably requested by the Board of Trustees so that it may be fully informed.

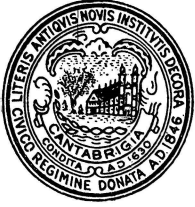
(d) The term of appointment for trustees who are also on the Health Policy Board shall be the same as their term on said Health Policy Board. The remaining trustees shall be appointed by the City Manager for a term of three (3) years. Initial appointments shall be for the following terms: three (3) trustees for three (3) years, three (3) trustees for terms of two (2) years, three (3) trustees for terms of one (1) year. The City Manager may either reappoint or replace trustees at the end of their terms, but should follow the procedure, and maintain the balance described in Section 11-4(c).

(e) Should a difference of opinion occur between the Health Policy Board and the Board of Trustees, then the Health Policy Board's opinion shall prevail.

Chapter 11 of the Cambridge City Code is hereby further amended by striking the existing Section 11-5, entitled "Adoption of Housing Code Regulations", and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 11-6. Adoption of Housing Code Regulations.

The Housing Code Regulations of the City of Cambridge, dated May 1, 1962, is hereby adopted and by this reference made a part of this Code with the same force and effect as though set out in full herein. At least three (3) copies of said Housing Code Regulations are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.



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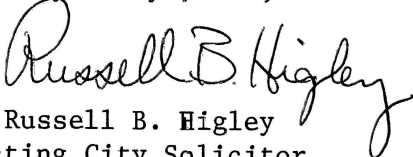
Dear Council Members:

Please find attached to this memorandum an amended version of Ordinance No. 870. Ordinance No. 870 relates to Chapter 11, entitled "Health, Hospitals and Housing", of the General Ordinances of the City.

The amended version attached herein has been prepared at the request of the City Council by the City Manager's task-force on Health and Hospitals, and was approved as to legality and form by this office.

You will note that any changes to the original text of Ordinance No. 870 have been indicated by either crossing out (deleting provisions) or underlining (adding new material). Additionally, you will note that a new section, 11-5, entitled "Board of Trustees" has been added, and the provisions of the previous section 11-5 entitled, "Adoption of Housing Code Regulations" have been amended and denoted now as section 11-6.

Very truly yours,



Russell B. Higley
Acting City Solicitor

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Communication from Russell B. Higley, Acting City Solicitor, relative to Ordinance No. 870 entitled "Health, Hospitals and Housing".

In City Council,
September 27, 1976

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Prepared for Hearing

Before

Ordinance Committee

Monday Oct 18th

AT 5PM