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City of Cambridge

## In the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen

## AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to the Ordinance entitled "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge" be amended as follows:

In Article 8.000 entitled "Nonconformity" by deleting Section 8.23 in its entirety and substitute in place thereof a new Section 8.23 which reads as follows:

If a nonconforming structure or use shall have been destroyed or damaged by fire, explosion, or other catastrophe (except one that has been determined by the City to have been caused intentionally by or on behalf of the owner), such structure or use may be rebuilt or restored and used again as previously. If a nonconforming structure or use shall have been destroyed, damaged, or caused to be moved as the result of a public taking, said structure or use may be relocated or reconstructed on the lot or on an abutting lot in the same ownership, provided that said relocation or reconstruction does not result in the enlargement of the nonconforming use or structure. In either such case, the rebuilding, restoring, relocation, or reconstruction shall not require a special permit provided that it commences within twenty-four (24) months after such fire, explosion, catastrophe, public taking, or April 24, 2017 (the date of enactment of this amendment), whichever is later, and is completed within thirty-six (36) months after such fire, explosion, catastrophe, public taking, or April 24, 2017 (the date of enactment of this amendment), whichever is later, and provided that the structure as rebuilt, restored, relocated, or reconstructed shall not be greater in volume, footprint, or gross floor area, shall not further increase any nonconformities than those of the original nonconforming structure, and shall not further violate any dimensional requirements of the Ordinance.

In City Council April 24, 2017. Passed to be ordained by a yea and nay vote:-Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 1. Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Donna P. Lopez City Clerk