

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 8:30 p.m. at the Second Floor Meeting Room, at City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a refiled zoning petition by Chestnut Hill Realty, to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by creating a new section that would allow for the creation of rental apartment units in the basement levels of existing multifamily residential buildings. The use would require a Board of Zoning Appeal Special Permit in any building located within any of the 9 residential C districts, within 1,200 feet of Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street or the Red Line; in any building currently containing at least 30 dwelling units, that was first built for multifamily use before 1930 and that currently contains at least one residential dwelling unit in the basement level. The Special Permit conditions will require compliance with all building, healthy, safety and accessibility codes; be limited to one bedroom; have one secure bicycle storage space; use Energy Star or equivalently rated appliances and fixtures; provide recycling facilities; and will prohibit expansion of gross floor area or exterior dimensions except as permitted by the BZA for landings, alcoves, roofs, steps, walks, or other similar exterior features for safety and convenience.

Copies of this petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts and at the Community Development Department, 344 Broadway. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Liza Paden at 617 349 4647 or lpaden@cambridgema.gov.