

## City of Cambridge

O-1 FIRST IN COUNCIL June 28, 2021

## COUNCILLOR MCGOVERN VICE MAYOR MALLON

- WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to over 5,000 licensed dogs and makes a great effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for animals; and
- WHEREAS: Many pets, dogs and cats especially, often require surgery to address medical issues, including, but not limited to orthopedic issues; and
- WHEREAS: Due to the often complex, post-surgery recovery, many pet owners find it difficult to provide the consistent, and often, around the clock care, needed to insure a safe and healthy recovery; and
- WHEREAS: Many pet owners turn to others to provide this care for their pets; and
- WHEREAS: On April 26, 2021, an application was submitted to the BZA for a variance to allow a resident the right to provide post-operative care to a dog that she did not own, and this request was denied by the BZA because there was no definition in the Table of Uses to allow this service; and
- WHEREAS: This service can mean the difference between life and death of an animal because the lack of post-operative care can have devastating impacts; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge be amended to insert a new row in section 4.31 "Residential Uses" to read as follows:

	Open Space	Res A 1&2	Res B	Res C, C- 1, C- 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B	Off 1, 2A, 2, 3, 3A	Bus A-1, A-2, A-3 <sup>1</sup>	Bus A, A- 4	Bus B, B- 1, B-2	Bus C, C- 1	Ind A-1, A-2	Ind A	Ind B-1, B-2	Ind B	Ind C
I. Veterinary establishment, kennel, pet shop or similar establishment 29 29. Provided that, in Residential and Neighborhood Busirness Districts, no noise or odors are perceptible from adjoining lots. In Residential districts the use is restricted to one animal unless specifically increased by the special permit granting authority.	No	Yes 29	Yes 29	Yes 29	SP	SP	SP	SP 10	SP	SP	SP	No 51	SP	No