The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on June 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., conducted remotely (see below for directions) on a Zoning Petition by the City Council to amend section 11.202(b) of Article 11.000, entitled SPECIAL REGULATIONS, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, by substitution with the following text:

“(b) Housing Contribution Rate. The Housing Contribution Rate effective upon ordination shall be thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents ($33.34) per square foot of Gross Floor Area devoted to the uses that qualify the new development as an Incentive Project. The effective rate shall be subject to annual escalation equal to annual percentage increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Housing Index for Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT or similar index to reflect changes in dollar values over time; however, annual decreases in CPI shall not cause the contribution rate to be decreased. The table below is intended to administratively track changes to the Housing Contribution Rate as it is adjusted over time.

The current Housing Contribution Rate is $21.02 per square foot. Most nonresidential new development of at least 30,000 square feet of Gross Floor Area must make a Housing Contribution to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust.

Copies of the petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts and at the Community Development Department, 344 Broadway, and online at www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/zoninganddevelopment/zoning/amendments. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Sarah Scott at 617-349-9463 or sascott@cambridgema.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: This hearing will be held remotely in accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, signed into law on June 16, 2021. Members of the public can view the meeting online or on cable television within Cambridge, attend virtually online or by telephone, and provide comments before the meeting in writing to planningboardcomment@cambridgema.gov. E-mail is preferred, but comments may also be mailed to Cambridge Planning Board, 344 Broadway, Third Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139. Written comments received by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting will be considered by Board Members in advance of the meeting. Comments received later will be entered into the record.

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If you do not have a computer or e-mail address, please call Swaathi Joseph at 617-349-4668.