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City of Cambridge

In the Year Two Thousand and Three

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to the Ordinance entitled “Zoning Ordinances of the City of Cambridge”

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

To create new text to consider visual and acoustic issues relating to rooftop mechanical equipment in new, large-scale developments as part of the Planning Board Special Permit Project Review process.

This petition (1) amends Section 19.20 - Project Review Special Permit to add new application requirements for elevations and drawings to show the schematic design of proposed mechanical equipment and screening of such equipment as well as noise mitigation measures and how they conform to the Cambridge Noise Ordinance requirements; (2) amends Section 19.30 – Citywide Urban Design Objectives to show how the mechanical equipment has been designed to meet the goals of well organized and minimal installations; (3) amends section 5.23 - Standards for Dimensional Regulations, Height Exceptions, to require building elements which are in nonresidential districts abutting residential districts A-1, A-2, B, C, C-1 C-1A, C-2, C-2A, and C-2B district meet a bulk control plane or be waived by a Planning Board special permit; and (4) amends Section 5.30 District Dimensional Regulations, by creating a new paragraph for all districts to read as follows:

[Note: The height limitations set forth in the following table are subject to exceptions for mechanical equipment and certain architectural features as outlined in Section 5.23. Reference should be made to Section 5.23 for a complete understanding of the actual height of building elements permitted in the Zoning Ordinance.]

Passed to be ordained.
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

NOTE: Pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32A, Tercentenary Edition, the ordinance as aforesaid which exceeds in length eight octavo pages of ordinary book print may be summarized for publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city with the further provision
that said Zoning Ordinance may be examined and obtained at the City Clerk’s Office during office hours
and that any objection to its invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption may only be
made within ninety days after the posting or the second publication.