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REGULATION GOVERNING PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF A
POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT 50-YEAR OLD BUILDING

Chapter 2.78.090.D of the City Code provides that notice of a public hearing subsequent to an initial determination by the Executive Director that a building of fifty or more years old is significant shall “be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City Such notice, which shall specify the address of the subject building, shall be published in an issue of such newspaper distributed in the week preceding the week in which such meeting is held, or in an earlier week.”

Notwithstanding the publication of hearing notices on the internet, in view of the diminishing circulation of newspapers the Commission’s experience under Chapter 2.78, Article II of the City Code indicates the desirability of additional means of providing public notices. In consequence, the Commission adopts the following regulation:

Pursuant to Chapter 2.78, Article II of the Cambridge City Code, public notice of an application to demolish a building fifty or more years old for which the Executive Director of the Cambridge Historical Commission has made an initial determination of significance shall be given by the posting of a notice on the property for not less than 14 days before the public hearing at which the Commission will discuss the proposed demolition. A placard bearing the address of the property, the date, time, and place of the public hearing, the nature of the action requested, and the application case number will be provided to the applicant by the Commission. The applicant shall securely mount the placard on the premises containing the subject building at the sidewalk on or in front of the building or within the property but not more than 5 feet from the street so as to be legible to persons passing on the public way without the necessity of trespassing, and shall maintain it in place until the public hearing on the application has been concluded. Failure to post and maintain the notice as required shall be construed as inadequate provision of public notice, and the Commission may cause the hearing to be continued until adequate public notice has been achieved.

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