



# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
February 27, 2017

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
COUNCILLOR CARLONE

WHEREAS: The Ordinance Committee is currently developing guidelines for rooftop spaces in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: There has been interest in extending similar provisions to suitable locations in Harvard Square; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council refer the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board for a hearing and report:

Addition of 20.54.7

20.54.7 Exempting rooftop spaces from FAR

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Ordinance, the Gross Floor Area of open-air spaces on the roofs of buildings, such as roof gardens, terraces, walk ways, including open and enclosed egresses, covered staircase head houses, or observation spaces shall be exempted from Gross Floor Area and FAR limitations upon the granting of a special permit by the Planning Board in the Business B district of this overlay. In granting the special permit, the Planning Board may place further requirements on the design or operational aspects of spaced exempted pursuant to this paragraph, including hours of operation, range of activities permitted, signage, sound mitigation, lighting, or other measures to ensure that the use of the space is consistent with the intent of the section.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of six members.

Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk

**REFERRED TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND PLANNING BOARD FOR HEARING AND REPORT.**