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Robert W. Healy
City Manager
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Re: *City Council Order O-38, dated February 27, 2006*

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am writing in response to City Council Order O-38 from the February 27, 2006 meeting. The referenced order asks this office to "...draft an amendment to the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance for City Council consideration to limit use conversion allowances to projects in which at least 65% of the original structure is to remain intact."

After conferring with appropriate City departments and staff, I have concluded that the order does not contain sufficient information or guidance for us to draft a proposed amendment. One possible way for the City Council to flesh out the details of the type of proposed amendment it is seeking might be to refer the order itself to the Ordinance Committee for the purpose of allowing the committee to hold a hearing to develop sufficient detail to support the drafting of a proposed amendment.

Very truly yours,

Donald A. Drisdell