
By Mr. McCann, a petition of John J. Curry, city manager, Andrew T. Trodden and others, members of the city council, Francis X. McCann and others for legislation to authorize the city of Cambridge to contribute funds to Cambridge redevelopment authority for the making of relocation payments to parties displaced from project areas. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE MAKING OF RELOCATION PAYMENTS TO PARTIES DISPLACED FROM PROJECT AREAS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Declaration of Public Necessity. It is hereby
2 declared (a) that in the city of Cambridge land assembly and
3 redevelopment projects and urban renewal projects are being
4 or will be undertaken which require the acquisition of prop-
5 erty and the displacement of individuals, families and business
6 concerns which will be forced to incur substantial moving
7 expenses and other losses of property before such projects
8 can be completed, (b) that the speedy completion of such
9 projects is in the public interest, (c) that the federal govern-
10 ment's program for the payment of relocation costs is in-
11 sufficient to provide reimbursement for all such expenses and
12 losses, (d) that it is in the public interest to expend public
13 funds to assist businesses and individuals located in areas
14 acquired for land assembly and redevelopment or urban re-
15 newal purposes, and (e) that failure to pay such moving ex-
16 penses will result in undue hardship to individuals and busi-
17 nesses and the inability of many businesses to continue in
18 operation and will seriously delay or prevent the speedy com-
19 pletion of redevelopment and renewal projects, all to the de-
20 triment of the city and its residents.

1 SECTION 2. The city of Cambridge may raise and appropri-
2 ate, or incur debt, or agree with Cambridge Redevelopment
3 Authority to raise and appropriate or incur debt, for the
4 contribution or grant to such authority of such sums as such
5 city may from time to time determine for the making of re-
6 location payments, as hereinafter defined, by such authority;
7 provided that the total amount of such contributions or grants
8 in any one year by such city for such purpose shall not exceed
9 one-fourth of one per cent of the average of the assessors'
10 valuations of its taxable property for the three preceding
11 years, reduced and otherwise determined as provided in sec-
12 tion ten of chapter forty-four of the general laws. Such debt
13 may be outside the limit of the indebtedness prescribed in
14 section ten of said chapter forty-four and shall be payable
15 within twenty years and otherwise subject to sections sixteen
16 to twenty-seven, inclusive, of said chapter forty-four; provided
17 that the total amount of such indebtedness of such city out-
18 standing at any one time shall not exceed one-half of one
19 per cent of the average of the assessors' valuations of its
20 taxable property for the three preceding years, reduced and
21 otherwise determined as provided in section ten of said chap-
22 ter forty-four. The term — relocation payments — is defined
23 to mean payments made by Cambridge Redevelopment Au-
24 thority in accordance with regulations of such Authority ap-
25 proved by the division of urban renewal in the department of
26 commerce and development established under chapter 23A.