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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

CAMBRIDGE CITY HALL, 795 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE:

Martin Bakal hereby petitions the City Council of the City of Cambridge to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge, as amended, as follows:

- Amend the Zoning Map in the area(s) set forth in the attached text description(s) and map(s) by
 - changing the base Zoning District(s) from _____ to a new zoning designation(s) of _____
 - creating a new Overlay Zoning District(s) entitled _____
 - deleting or amending the boundaries of the current Overlay Zoning District(s) entitled _____
- Amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance as set forth in the attached text by
 - inserting a new Article(s) and/or section(s) numbered and entitled _____
 - deleting the current Article(s) and/or section(s) numbered and entitled _____
 - amending the current Article(s) and/or section(s) numbered and entitled Table 4.30, Sec. 4.40 Footnote

with the intent of Restrictions on increasing pavement in Open Space districts

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Attach the following materials:

- Signatures of 10 or more Cambridge residents registered to vote in Cambridge (if applicable – see attached page template)
- Map Amendments: a map and text description describing the exact boundaries of the area to be rezoned
- Text Amendments: a document providing the exact wording of all inserted, deleted, or amended sections (also provide in a word processing format to cityclerk@cambridgema.gov)

FOR CITY CLERK USE ONLY – Zoning Petition Number: _____
 Submission Date: _____

To the Honorable Mayor and the City Council:

The undersigned hereby petition the City Council of the City of Cambridge to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge to clarify and enhance protections of Open Space Districts. The increasing of population density and heat islands means that protections of parks and Open Space must also increase. All forms of pavement (1) decreases the area for green infrastructure which cools; (2) increases the area of heat islands; (3) decreases the permeable landscape which increases flood risks; and (4) increases the frequency and scale of Combined Sewer overflows. Heat is the leading weather-related cause of death in America.

Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge by doing the following:

Add the following new line to Table 4.30 below 4.32n:

o. Paved way greater than 10' wide ⁶⁶	No	Yes										
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Add the following to "4.40 FOOTNOTES TO THE TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS":

66. *"Paved includes all forms of paving materials, permeable and impermeable, including, but not limited to, concrete, bituminous concrete, stone, curbstones, pavers, brick, stone dust, wood, plastic, and metal. Way includes all forms of ways including, but not limited to, public ways, private ways, streets, roadways, highways, driveways, sidewalks, all forms of paths, pathways, walkways, alleys, courts and any curbs, curbstones and paved shoulders thereof. In an Open Space District, for a contiguous area of Open Space bounded by streets, roadways, highways, or non-Open Space Districts, the areas of paved ways within said area shall not be increased by more than 2% of the total of said contiguous area within a two-year period."*

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	Signature	Name	Address	Date	
1	<i>Martin Bakal</i>	Martin Bakal	120 Reed St 02140	7/28	✓✓
2	<i>Leslie C. Bellou</i>	Leslie C. Bellou	106 Reed St. 02140	7/28	✓✓
3	<i>Arlinea Bakal</i>	Arlinea Bakal	120 Reed Street	7/28	✓✓
4	<i>Patricia Caldwell</i>	PATRICIA CALDWELL	11 CLIFTON ST 02140	07/29	✓✓
5	<i>Greg Dismore</i>	Greg Dismore	76 Dudley St #302140	7/29	✓✓
6	<i>Charles Teague</i>	CHARLES TEAGUE	90 JACKSON ST	7/30	✓✓
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	Signature	Name	Address	Date
1	<i>Suzanne P. Blier</i>	Suzanne P. Blier	5 Fuller Pl.	7/29/25 ✓
2	<i>Rudolph Blier</i>	RUDOLPH BLIER	5 FULLER PL	7/29/25 ✓
3	<i>Heather Hoffman</i>	Heather Hoffman	213 Hurley Street	7/29/25 ✓
4	<i>Mark Jaquith</i>	MARK JAQUITH	213 HURLEY STREET	7/30/25 ✓
5	<i>OVADIA R. SIMKA</i>	OVADIA R. SIMKA	303 3 RD ST	7/30/25 ✓
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