



# City of Cambridge

17.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

November 16, 1998

COUNCILLOR REEVES  
 COUNCILLOR BORN  
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
 MAYOR DUEHAY  
 VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

**WHEREAS:** The purpose of Cambridge City Government is to serve the citizens of the City and carry out the functions of government administration in a manner which most benefits its citizens and those who interact with City officials and offices; and

**WHEREAS:** The public meeting spaces used for hearings by the Planning Board and the License Commission are, at present, not the best spaces the City could afford for public meetings. The Planning Board space (in the Community Development Department) is too small to accommodate comfortably the parties before the Board and the public. It is also very difficult to hear the members of the Board and the public testimony. This is of particular concern because there are no transcripts of the Board's proceedings.

The License Commission has moved from one poor hearing space (no windows, cramped, no microphones) to a new basement space cramped without windows or microphones; now therefore be it

**ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on how people could be better accommodated.

In City Council November 16, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
 City Clerk

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Consent Order #17

CM 651

Councillor Reeves re: better accommodation  
for the conduct of public hearings.

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**ORDER ADOPTED**