



# City of Cambridge

21.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 30, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
 VICE MAYOR RUSSELL  
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: One of the identified problems was the failure of nursing home owners to investigate the criminal backgrounds of their employees, which could have been accomplished relatively easily; and

WHEREAS: It is incumbent upon all of us to insure that these patients, who are in a very vulnerable position, are treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve and are entitled; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Police Commissioner, to offer nursing homes assistance to check backgrounds to potential employees to insure the safety and well being of patients; and be it further

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Consent Order #21

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Order adopted