



City of Cambridge

23.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 1992

COUNCILLOR WALSH
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COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council on this as soon as possible so that we can do our part to make certain that Cambridge Seniors are provided equality of treatment when it comes to Continental Cablevision's discount policy.

In City Council September 14, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

City of Cambridge
Councilor William Walsh
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA. 02139

George Stanizzi
15 Holmes St.
Cambridge, MA. 02138

Dear; Councilor Walsh;

August 18, 1992

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Therefore, If this is a true ruling made by the City of Cambridge or by Continental Cablevision, then I find that this is discriminating against all senior citizen living outside of Cambridge housing.

I firmly believe that all senior citizen should be equal.

Sincerely;

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copies ;
R. Healey
W. Walsh
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CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION OF CAMBRIDGE SERVICES AND PRICES

Senior Citizen Discounts

- *Free Installation
- *Free first month of Consumer's Choice
- *No converter deposit required.

+ Senior discount available to customers who are head of household and sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

Discounted Packages

Discounted packages are available with the purchase of Consumer's Choice and two or more premium services.

All packages include Consumer's Choice, one remote control and your choice of premium services.

Two Premium Sports package	\$37.95
Two Premium Entertainment package	\$37.95
Three Premium Sports package	\$40.95
Three Premium Entertainment package	\$44.95
Four Premium Sports package	\$47.95
Four Premium Entertainment package	\$51.95

Additional premium services may be added to a package for \$7.00 each.

Five premium packages receive a free additional outlet and a free FM service.

Installation Rates

Initial Installation	\$45.00	A/B Switch purchase	\$10.00
Reconnection of Service	\$20.00	A/B Switch Installation	\$15.00*
Transfer of Service	\$20.00	FM Service Installation	\$15.00*
Disconnection of Service	FREE	VCR Hook-up	\$15.00*
Service Calls	FREE	Additional Outlet Installation ..	\$20.00*
Converter deposit (refundable)		Relocation of an outlet	\$20.00*
..... (per household)	\$25.00	Impulse Service Installation ..	\$ 5.00*
Premium Service Upgrade ...	\$10.00		

*No charge if done at time of initial installation.

Miscellaneous Rates (Monthly)

Additional Outlets (each)	\$ 7.95
Remote Control Capability(each)	\$ 2.00
Remote Control Units (each)	\$.95
Impulse Pay Per View Service	\$.95
FM Service	\$ 1.95
Live Wire (each)	\$ 1.00

Commercial Establishments (Monthly)

Consumer's Choice (includes remote)	\$ 70.00
Consumer's Choice and New England Sports Network	\$120.00
Consumer's Choice and SportsChannel	\$120.00
Consumer's Choice, SportsChannel and NESN	\$145.00
Additional Outlets (each, Includes remotes)	\$ 10.00

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Continental
Cablevision

Continental Cablevision announces new senior citizen discounts

We are pleased to offer a 15% discount to all Watertown residents who are age 65 and older and head of household. A 20% discount will be available for all seniors who are eligible for Medicaid benefits and handicapped persons living in housing subsidized by any federal, state or local programs. These discounts will apply to the broadcast basic service, limited basic package and expanded service package. However, these discounts do not apply to other special discount package prices. Free standard installation and service upgrades are also offered to seniors who are head of household in Watertown.

Please bring proof of eligibility such as: identification including date of birth and address, Medicaid card, etc.



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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William H. Walsh
City Councillor

BY HAND

August 24, 1992

MEMORANDUM:

TO: D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

FROM: David Noonan, for *David Noonan*
Councillor Walsh

ATTENTION: Mrs. Donna Lopez

RE: Council Order (Consent Agenda)
for September 14, 1992

Councillor Walsh requests that the enclosed Council Order regarding Continental Cablevision's Senior discount policy be included in the CONSENT AGENDA for the Council Session scheduled for September 14, 1992.

Thank you for your usual courtesy and cooperation in this regard.

(ENCLOSURE)

CC: Councillor Walsh



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Consent Order # 23 F-363
Councilor Walsh re: variant policies
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citizens.

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Order Adopted