



# City of Cambridge

48.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 27, 1995

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

WHEREAS: The residents and taxpayers of Watertown have been notified that significant MBTA bus service in their community has been privatized; and

WHEREAS: The MBTA undertook this action in Watertown without informing the public, without informing elected town officials, and without holding public hearings; and

WHEREAS: The past experiences of other communities who have seen public bus routes privatized include the bankruptcy of two private bus companies operating the Framingham to Newton Center line, the total loss of service in the municipalities of Dedham, Lexington and Stoneham due to the mismanagement by a private bus company of MBTA routes and the fact that the MBTA was legally unable to stop the private company running buses on the former MBTA Southeastern Massachusetts routes from raising fares as much as 58% and eliminating senior citizen discounts; and

WHEREAS: Public transportation by the MBTA is the only means of transportation for many urban businesses and residents, including senior citizens, physically challenged citizens and students; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge must scrutinize MBTA decisions made in surrounding cities and towns to protect Cambridge businesses and residents from precedents set in other nearby jurisdictions which could later apply to Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify the MBTA of Cambridge's dissatisfaction with the MBTA's action and process in this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to bring any matters regarding the privatization of MBTA bus and train services as policy matters to the City Council before the City of Cambridge representative on the Advisory Board votes the City's official position; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be presented as the City of Cambridge's position in any public hearing held in Watertown with regard to the privatization of routes #300, 301, 302, 304, 305, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58 and 59; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town Council of Watertown with thanks for bringing the issue to the attention of the City of Cambridge.

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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

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Consent Order #48

*CM-76*

Councillor Duehay re: Notification to residents and taxpayers of Watertown that MBTA bus service in their community has been privatized.

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*Order adopted*

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