



City of Cambridge

44.

IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Walsh
Sullivan

Russell
Toomey

January 7, 1991

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WHEREAS: Apparently, an arbitrary decision has been made by the Commissioner of Public Works whereby any residential home owner who, at one time in the past, has engaged a private contractor to pick up the residence's trash, is now precluded for all time from having the City's DPW personnel pick up the residence's weekly collection of trash, even though this is a City service which all residential home owners subsidize with their tax payment; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager examine this DPW decision and determine whether its applicability is complete and equal for all residential home owners and, if so, arrange for creation of a mechanism whereby a proportionate refund from property tax payments be made to such owners who are denied this service so that this money can be used to pay for engaging services of a private contractor which is necessitated by the City's refusal to pick up the trash. Further, that the City Manager ascertain whether this DPW policy applies solely to home owners who have engaged the services of a private contractor at some point in the past or does it have a broader expanse of applicability of which we in the City Council and home owners in Cambridge have not been apprised; And be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to this Council on this matter by January 28, 1991.

Charter
Right.
C. Cyr.



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CHARTER RIGHT EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR CYR.

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Councillors Walsh, Sullivan, Russell and
Toomey re: denial of trash pickup due to
use of private contractor in the past.

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January 7, 1991

*Charter Right
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Councillor Cyn.
1/14/91 Referred to the
City Manager for
report.*