



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 20, 2000

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR DECKER
 MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 VICE MAYOR MAHER
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this Council that the Cambridge Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) has begun to enforce a policy that prohibits home healthcare aides from using keys to gain access to clients homes; and

WHEREAS: The enforcement of this policy has resulted in considerable strain to both the clients of the Cambridge VNA and their families; and

WHEREAS: In some cases where clients are unable to let their home healthcare aides into their apartments, they face a reduction in services; and

WHEREAS: This reduction in service may result in clients being forced from their homes and into residential care facilities to maintain the level of service they require; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Cambridge Visiting Nurses Association with a view in mind to review this policy and to take all necessary steps to prevent any reduction of services to their most needy clients; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Cambridge Visiting Nurses Association for their immediate review.

In City Council November 20, 2000.
 Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
 Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

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 City Clerk

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ORDER ADOPTED
