



City of Cambridge

53.

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 2, 1993

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ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to this City Council on all aspects of these actions.

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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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Non-Consent Order #53

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order adopted