



# City of Cambridge

35.

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 22, 1997

VICE MAYOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Many development projects have been discussed at City Council meetings in recent months, and on several occasions the City Council has been asked to intercede to prevent the issuance of building permits; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council what ordinances, regulations and state laws apply to the granting of building permits and what input the City Council can have on decisions about whether to grant building permits.

In City Council December 22, 1997.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

Born Orders for 12/22/97

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#1

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#2

36.

Ordered: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to clarify the current policy of the city about whether all curb cuts necessary to a new building project must be approved by the City Council prior to the granting of building permits for that project and whether those curb cuts must conform to current zoning standards and safety set by the Department of Inspectional Services and the Traffic Department.

#3

37.

Whereas: Many people have recently expressed great concern about the proliferation of national chain stores throughout the City of Cambridge,

Whereas: It is generally felt that chain stores often lack the dedication to community issues and to the individual customer that marks many small family held businesses, and

Whereas: Many people have expressed a wish that the city establish a policy to discourage large national chains from moving into the squares of Cambridge and to encourage the continued operation of small businesses and opening of new ones, therefore be it

Ordered: That the City Manager report to the Council what means the Council has at its disposal to establish a policy which achieves the goal of maintaining and fostering new small businesses through zoning, licensing or economic incentives and to discourage their replacement by large national chains.

#4

38.

Ordered: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask City Departments to look into the feasibility of the ideas for a Cambridge Historic Walkway expressed in the attached memo.



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Consent ORder #35

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Vice Mayor Born re: REquest to the  
City Council to interced in preventing  
the issuance of building permits.

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**ORDER ADOPTED**