



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Walsh

June 25, 1990

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Failed of adoption by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 4; Nays 5; Absent 0.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
Mr. Ed Cyr		✓			
Mr. Francis H. Duehay		✓			
Mr. Jonathan S. Myers		✓			
Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves		✓			
Mrs. Sheila T. Russell	✓				
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓ ⁽²⁾		X ¹		
Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	✓				
Mr. William H. Walsh	✓				
Mayor Alice K. Wolf		✓			

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