



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 15, 1998

COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Cambridge is the second densest city in the Commonwealth, the sixth densest in the United States, meaning that there is less open space per resident than in all but one other city in Massachusetts, all but five in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Eastern parts of the city, East Cambridge, Area Four, Cambridgeport and Riverside have even less open space per resident than other parts of the city, putting great stress in the form of heavy use on playing fields, tot lots and parks; and

WHEREAS: Every square foot of open space lost in the city for construction of city projects, even those which fill very important social and educational needs, is a loss to all citizens and moves Cambridge closer to the dubious distinction of having the least amount of open space per resident in the whole country; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record in favor of adopting a policy that will require that the City Manager identify and initiate a compensating purchase of open space to offset any significant loss of city owned open space which may be incurred in the building of public projects; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the appropriate departments to draft such a policy for formal implementation by the Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

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Consent Order #410

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Cuncillor Born re: adopt a policy on open space that requires offset of loss of city-owned open space incurred in the building of public projects.

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