



City of Cambridge

22.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 20, 1993

MAYOR REEVES
 VICE MAYOR CYR
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR WALSH

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WHEREAS: Traffic crashes are the greatest single cause of death for every age group between 6 and 33, and alcohol is involved in early half of these crashes; and

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WHEREAS: Twenty percent of drivers 16 to 20 years of age who were involved in fatal crashes were intoxicated; thirty-three percent of fatally injured 16 to 20 year old drivers had a BAC of .10 percent or higher in both 1990 and 1991; and

WHEREAS: In 1991, 9,156 persons died in traffic crashes involving 8,207 15 to 20 year old drivers. Of these 8,207 drivers, both surviving and fatally injured, an estimated thirty percent had a positive BAC. Among fatally injured 15 to 20 year old drivers, an estimated forty percent had a positive BAC; and

WHEREAS: The relative risk for drivers under 21 is greater at low alcohol impairment than for older drivers; and

WHEREAS: All states and the District of Columbia now have 21 year old minimum drinking age laws making it illegal to sell or serve alcohol to persons under the age of 21; and

WHEREAS: These laws have reduced traffic fatalities involving drivers ages 18 to 20 by thirteen percent and have saved more than 12,000 lives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City encourages the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact provisions that tolerate zero alcohol (.00 BAC) use by drivers under 21.

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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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Cyril W. Walsh *R-416*
Consent Order #22
Mayor Reeves RE: Encouraging the
Comm. of Mass to enact provisions to
encourage minors to use zero alcohol.

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Order adopted