



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 28, 1991

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

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WHEREAS: This action repeats the pattern of Republican administrations to shift major state and federal government responsibilities to local government without providing funds or the taxing power necessary to accomplish crucial domestic objectives; and

WHEREAS: The zero/low interest loan sewer construction program of the state replaced a national program phased out by the Reagan administration whereby the federal government paid 70%, the state government paid 20%, and local government paid 10% for sewer projects throughout the country undertaken to comply with the national Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS: Residents of Cambridge, long the victims of massive flooding during rain storms, have waited many years for this crucial sewer project to be designed and completed; and

WHEREAS: Governor Weld's proposed cuts affects long-delayed sewer replacement and storm/sanitary sewer separation projects in the Agassiz, North Cambridge and Harvard Square areas scheduled to be implemented over the next five years; and

WHEREAS: These long-planned Cambridge projects are now ready to go out to bid; and

WHEREAS: These immediate projects are to be followed by at least \$20 million more in needed sewer improvement work in the next 5-7 years; and

WHEREAS: The shifting of this burden from the state to the city would increase local taxes and threaten basic services in FY 92 and beyond by adding millions of dollars in interest charges to local sewer bills which adds to the burden Cambridge taxpayers must shoulder; and

WHEREAS: Residents are already faced with huge increases in water and sewer charges to clean up Boston Harbor and to improve the infrastructure of the Cambridge Water Department; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record opposing legislation which would allow Governor Weld to avoid state responsibility for local sewer projects; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be presented to all members of the General Court representing Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to notify officers of neighborhood and business associations in the areas affected by this sewer project and to prepare releases for the news media so that affected citizens can let their feelings be known to the Legislature and to the Governor.

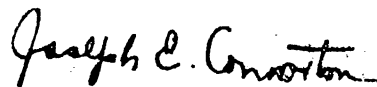
In City Council October 28, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

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Joseph E. Conerton

City Clerk

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NON-CONSENT ORDER # 7

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Councillor Duehay re: long delayed sewer replacement and storm/sanitary sewer separation projects in the Agassiz, North Cambridge and Harvard Square area.

In City Council,

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Order adopted