



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 2, 1998

VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: This day the City Council honors a Cambridge family and the institution that family created and has kept going strong for sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS: In 1915, a young married couple, Patrick "Paddy" Fennell and his wife Maggie, moved from Ireland to Cambridge and narrowly missed tragedy en route when Maggie's illness prevented her from boarding the passage she had booked on the Lusitania; and

WHEREAS: The marriage of Paddy and Maggie was blessed with five children, Mary, John, Ruth, Peggy and Gaffa; and

WHEREAS: In 1934, Paddy and Maggie opened Paddy's Lunch at the corner of Concord Avenue and Huron Avenue; soon thereafter Paddy's moved to the corner of Walden and Sherman, where Masse's parking lot is today; and by the late 1930's Paddy's Lunch had moved across the street to its present location; and

WHEREAS: Paddy's was a popular lunch spot for the nearby workers; they came from the Pottery (as the nearby clay pits were called), McAdoo Dairy, the dump (now Danehy Park), Sarnos Barber Shop, M.H. Hillary, Lombard and Wyman corner store and Harold Crowley's gas station across the street for some Irish stew, shepherd's pie and more than a bit of blarney on the side; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the years Paddy's has continued to be a neighborhood institution; neighborhood people have bartended, cooked and waitressed there, neighborhood people of all ages played for the many sports teams Paddy's has supported over the years – softball, baseball, hockey, basketball and football; and most important of all, neighbors connected with each other and stayed in touch with their community there; and

WHEREAS: Today Paddy's Lunch is run by Paddy's daughter Peggy and her husband Harry "Bubby" Ryan, a retired Cambridge firefighter, whose outstanding service on the rescue squad for more than twenty years is a well-known and well-deserved legend; and

WHEREAS: In addition to maintaining one of Cambridge's much-loved community institutions, Peggy and Bubby have been active and involved members of their community; Peggy is a pillar of St. Peters parish (and is still working on converting Bubby), and Bubby has taught first aid and CPR to several generations of Cambridge Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS: The neighborhood and community ties that have been forged in the little luncheonette and bar started by Patrick "Paddy" and Maggie Fenell and continued by Harry "Bubby" and Peggy Ryan have played a big part in creating the Cambridge we know and love; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council hereby dedicates the corner of Walden Street and Sherman Street as "**Paddy's Corner**;" and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation at the dedication on Saturday, October 23, 1999 on behalf of the entire City Council.

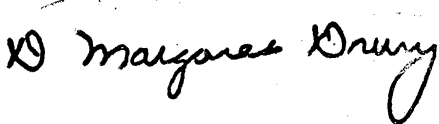
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


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RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record naming the corner of Sherman Street and Walden Street as "Paddy's Corner;" and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Assistant to the City Council be directed to confer with the appropriate individuals regarding the sign and then communicate with the Department Public Works to arrange for the sign.

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D. Margaret Drury
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Consent Order #40

**Vice Mayor Galluccio re: name the corner
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ORDER ADOPTED