



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 10, 1990

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ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to this Council with the requested opinion prior to January 7, 1991.

In City Council December 10, 1990.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
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