



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR WALSH

October 22, 1990

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WHEREAS: At any time, but particularly during the City's present escalating financial crunch, the failure of 53 entities to file response must not be accepted with an indifferent par for the course attitude or as a given by the City without challenge. Aggressive pursuit for appropriate response to all requests for in lieu of tax payment is a must; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager request the City Assessors to provide this Council with a specific update, valid in its accuracy as of this moment in FY 1990-91, which will contain the following information:

- 1) Date and total number of in lieu of tax payment requests mailed to tax-exempt entities in Cambridge;
- 2) Number of responses received thus far, indicating "full" or "non-full" so far as the payment's being in harmony with the amount sought according to the City's calculation formula;
- 3) What steps are or will be in place, and how soon, if the latter be the case, to maximize adherence by all tax-exempt entities to the in lieu of tax payment program during FY 1990-91; and,
- 4) A complete list of tax-exempt entities in Cambridge to which a request for in lieu of tax payment has been mailed for FY 1990-91, and the amount of same, be provided to this Council; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to this Council with the requested response and data no later than November 19, 1990.

In City Council October 22, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Order # 8 F-595

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Order adopted