



City of Cambridge

29.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 24, 1996

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

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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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DAVIS, Dinehay, Galluccio, R-705
Consent Order #29

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