



# City of Cambridge

32.

## IN CITY COUNCIL

September 12, 1994

COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU  
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL

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**NO ACTION TAKEN**



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ORIGINAL ORDER

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AMENDED ORDER

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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City Clerk

Kathleen Born

Council Order #2 for 9-12

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VM Russell  
Sullivan  
Yorkey  
Y. Santafellow  
CM-297

Consent Order #32  
#4

Councillor Born re: Community Development prepare a package of possible tax incentives to food markets.

September 19, 1994

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Order No action taken

Order adopted as amended