

WHEREAS: Ordinance 1224 has been stayed for more than three years while the many Cambridge residents adversely affected by truck traffic have waited for a regional solution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council urges the City Manager to conclude an agreement with the Massachusetts Highway Department to implement the regional truck study recommendations as soon as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED: That if a satisfactory agreement is not reached by September 25, that the City Council reaffirms Ordinance 1224 and directs the City Manager to immediately implement its provisions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Her Excellency, Acting Governor Jane Swift, the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Highway Department, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the Cambridge Legislative Delegation, and the Executives of the municipalities of Somerville, Medford, Belmont, Arlington, Everett, Watertown, and Boston.

In City Council July 29, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 29, 2002

COUNCILLOR MURPHY
VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Truck traffic has been an ongoing problem throughout Cambridge, adversely affecting the safety, health and well-being of many Cambridge residents; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and its residents expended significant time and resources studying the problem of truck traffic and seeking solutions through the City Manager's Truck Traffic Advisory Committee from 1995-1998; and

WHEREAS: In response to the thorough work of the Truck Traffic Advisory Committee, the Cambridge City Council unanimously passed Ordinance 1224 on June 21, 1999, prohibiting through truck traffic (trucks without origins or destinations in the City) on all City streets from 11 PM to 7 AM; and

WHEREAS: At the request of the State and in the spirit of cooperating with neighboring municipalities in an effort to address truck traffic in a comprehensive regional manner, the City of Cambridge agreed to participate in a regional truck study conducted by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC); and

WHEREAS: As a sign of good faith in the regional process, the City of Cambridge agreed to postpone implementation of Ordinance 1224 pending the results of the regional study; and

WHEREAS: On June 27, 2001, the MAPC Committee on Regional Truck Issues released its final recommendations which included a nighttime curfew on through trucks on all City streets, with limited exceptions to provide a viable nighttime truck route through the City; and

WHEREAS: In the more than one year subsequent to the release of the final regional recommendations, the Mass Highway Department has failed to come to an agreement with the City of Cambridge to implement the regional recommendations in lieu of Ordinance 1224; and

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ORDER # 2

Requesting the City Manager to conclude an agreement with the Massachusetts Highway Department to implement the regional truck study recommendations as soon as possible.

Councillor Murphy and Vice Mayor Davis

In City Council July 29, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.