

ORDERED: That the City Manager then direct the Community Development Department to make an assessment, based on the results of such survey, of which neighborhoods in Cambridge, based on population density, most sorely lack access to food stores. Such report shall include graphics in the form of mapping of such observations and shall be available for comment at an advertised public meeting no later than December 15, 1994.



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 1994

COUNCILLOR WALSH
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: Susan Fleischman, the Executive Director of Cambridge Community Television has notified various local officials that regional telephone companies were granted the right to begin to carry video signals through their wires into their home; and
- WHEREAS: NYNEX has announced its intention to provide such service in the Boston area (including Cambridge) as early as next year (see attached Boston Globe article of 7/9/94); and
- WHEREAS: Telephone companies regulated at the state level are not currently required to pay franchise fees; and
- WHEREAS: Cable companies are arguing that this represents unfair competition and in the future should Continental's revenue decline due to this competition from NYNEX or others, the franchise fees paid to the City will also decrease; and
- WHEREAS: Public policy and legislation is evolving quickly in this area and may affect Cambridge soon; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to set up a working group representing all interested to enroll to study this potential situation and to recommend proposed policy and legislation to deal with these new developments. It is further requested that this working committee report back to the City Council with its recommendations within 120 days of its formation.

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Consent Order #2

Councillor Walsh re: Regional telephone companies
granted the right to begin carrying video signals
through their wires into homes.

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Order adopted as
amended