



# City of Cambridge

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**

February 24, 2003

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

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge website contains a link to a FEMA site with directions on how to prepare for a chemical or biological attack; and

WHEREAS: These directions include assembling rolls of duct tape, scissors and plastic sheeting that you should pre-measure and cut for the openings of the internal room in which you will shelter; and

WHEREAS: It has been suggested that the duck tape and plastic may provide very little physical protection and may provide a counter productive false sense of security to our citizens; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with Chief Public Health Officer Harold Cox and Director of Environmental Health Sam Lipson to report back to the City Council as to the scientific data supporting duct tape and plastic as an effective protection against chemical or biological attacks; and be it further

ORDERED: That the link to these directions be disconnected until the scientific basis for these preparations has been researched and reported back to the City Council.

In City Council February 24, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

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**ORDER # 8**

Requesting the City Manager to report back to the City Council as to the scientific data supporting duct tape and plastic as an effective protection against chemical or biological attacks.

**Councillor Murphy**

**In City Council February 24, 2003**

**ORDER ADOPTED.**