

RESOLVED: That the City Council goes on record in supporting maintaining the Clean Environment Fund, and other programs that encourage residents and visitors to return or recycle all beverage containers and other recyclable materials to fully utilize the currently available recycling programs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City request our state representatives and state senators, and our Governor to support and vote in favor of Updating the Massachusetts Container Beverage Law.

In City Council May 5, 2003

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 2003

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

- WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Bottle Bill, enacted in 1982, has allowed Cambridge residents to enjoy a cleaner environment by creating an incentive for users of certain beverage containers to recycle those used containers; and
- WHEREAS: States with deposit laws have higher participation rate in residential recycling than those of non-deposit states, and;
- WHEREAS: Litter decrease in states with Bottle Bills averages 70-85%; and
- WHEREAS: Through the Massachusetts Bottle Bill, we recycle nearly 80% of containers compared to only 30% in states without similar legislation, and;
- WHEREAS: The Governor of the Commonwealth, and members of the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives have recognized that the original bottle bill does not take into account those beverages such as bottled water, juices, and teas, and;
- WHEREAS: Unclaimed deposits have been used for the state's Clean Environment Fund, resulting in greatly increasing public participation in recycling efforts; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That we, the members of the Cambridge City Council commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the implementation of the Massachusetts Bottle Bill; and be it further
- RESOLVED: The City be placed on record as being in support of the Massachusetts Beverage Container Deposit Law and encourages its strengthening through expanding the list as recommended by the Governor in his proposed budget item "Outside Section 124"; and

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ORDER #7

Support of the Massachusetts
Beverage Container Deposit Law
and encourages its strengthening
through expanding the list as
recommended by the Governor in
his proposed budget item
"Outside Section 124."

**Councillor Murphy, Vice
Mayor Davis, Mayor Sullivan,
Councillor Simmons,
Councillor Decker, Councillor
Galluccio, Councillor Maher
and Councillor Reeves**

ORDER ADOPTED.

In City Council May 5, 2003