



# City of Cambridge

Calendar Item # 4  
42.

## IN CITY COUNCIL

~~June 12, 1995~~  
June 19, 1995

COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR MYERS  
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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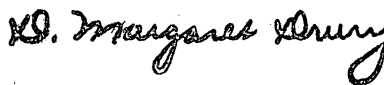
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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Consent Order #42  
Mantafellow CM 280  
Councillor Born re: Survey of pesticides  
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6/19/95 Order adopted