



City of Cambridge

16.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 27, 1994

COUNCILLOR WALSH
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: In the recent edition of a newsletter entitled "Continental Cablevision Connections", it states that as a result of new F.C.C. rules that went into effect on March 30, 1994, that new factors are taken into consideration to determine the monthly cable rates; and

WHEREAS: One of these variables is a median household income within the franchise area, thus, the rate in each community could be different with customers in higher income communities facing higher charges than customers in poorer areas; and

WHEREAS: Future increases in regulated rates provide for annual adjustments for increases in costs; and

WHEREAS: The newsletter further states that due to cable price regulation which went into effect last fall, prices have been substantially lowered for cable service nationwide as follows: regulated services are down 10.5%, remote controls are down 89.5%, and almost 75% of cable subscribers experienced a price decrease for regulated service; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the General Manager of Continental Cablevision and report back in writing, as soon as possible, as to how Continental Cablevision has implemented the new regulations regarding median household income tests and to tell us how Cambridge compares to the nationwide decreases in cable rates as stated above and further explain that if Cambridge residents did not receive any decreases, why not?

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

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City Clerk

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Russell, Sullivan,

Consent Order #16

CM-230

Councillor Walsh re: New regulations
regarding Continental Cablevision.

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Order adopted.