



# City of Cambridge

Amended Order No. 2

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 15, 1982

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

- WHEREAS: It has been reported that ASHRAM, a group cult which maintains residences at 11 Linnaean Street, on Potter Park and on Wendall Street, has now reportedly signed a purchase and sale agreement for the property at 24 Lancaster Street/17 Humboldt Street; and
- WHEREAS: This house is located in a Residence B zoned neighborhood which allows one or two family occupancy; and
- WHEREAS: It is rumored that the potential buyers are claiming that there were 4 units in that residence and that they should be able to continue that use; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be requested to inform the current owner of 24 Lancaster Street/17 Humboldt Street of the wishes of surrounding neighbors who feel that having yet another such institution in their midst is undesirable due to the congestion and traffic caused by large group meetings occurring at all times of the day and night; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager is requested to determine whether or not ASHRAM is legally conducting its painting business from the residence at 11 Linnaean Street; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager is requested to order the Building Department to certify the number of units which have historically been in existence at 24 Lancaster Street/17 Humboldt Street; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be requested to instruct the City Solicitor to recommend without delay additional steps which the City can take to limit the spread of group cult residences which use the residence as a cover to run organized institutional programs resulting in excessive pedestrian and automobile traffic and congestion at all hours of the day and night; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be requested to order the Planning Board to review the zoning ordinances of the City and to suggest changes to deal effectively with this growing problem; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to order the Board of Assessors to notify him and the City Council concerning any request by such groups to claim exemption from Cambridge property taxes prior to the claim being followed.



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ORIGINAL ORDER NO. 2

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- RESOLVED: That the City Manager be requested to inform ASHRAM that their increasing presence in Cambridge residential neighborhoods zoned for single and two family use is inappropriate; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Manager is requested to have the health, fire and building departments inspect these residences to ensure that the city ordinance limiting unit occupancy to 4 or fewer unrelated persons is not exceeded and that all city codes are complied with; and be it further
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RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to order the Board of Assessors to notify him and the City Council concerning any request by such groups to claim exemption from Cambridge property taxes prior to the claim being allowed.

Order # 2

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C. Duehay order re: certification by the Building Dept. of the number of units in existence at 24 Lancaster St./17 Humnoldt St. & information to be provided on "cult residences".

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