



City of Cambridge

15.
IN CITY COUNCIL
May 10, 1976

Councillor Russell

WHEREAS:

The cost of living continues to spiral for all of us across the country, and

WHEREAS:

The increased cost of living effects the hardest people on fixed incomes who have no additional means of supporting themselves or their families, and

WHEREAS:

In our own City we have many widows and families of retired or deceased city employees who must pay the full cost of Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums in order to maintain some type of medical coverage, and

WHEREAS:

The monthly premiums for such coverage currently range from \$13.80 all the way up to an unbelievable \$107.58 for a widow with children, and

WHEREAS:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will allow a municipality to pay up to 50% of the cost for Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage for these widows, now therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to take the appropriate steps in order that the City of Cambridge may begin paying 50% of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage for these widows who so justly deserve some additional help in this area, and be it further

RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to conduct a survey of the retired teachers and employees of the School Department who may also be eligible for this 50% payment so that they too may be the recipients of this program and further to report back to this City Council the results of his survey prior to May 17, 1976.

Order #15

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C. Russell resolution on Blue Cross/Blue
Shield coverage for widows of retired or
deceased city employees.

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*Referred to the
City Manager for
Report within one
As to the cost and
The number involved
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