



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Walsh

January 29, 1990

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ORDERED: That the City Manager direct the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to provide to this Council within two weeks response to the following inquiries for our review and remedial action, if deemed necessary. What is the source of the license of a certified Day Care operator and what are the criteria for certification within the Commonwealth and the City of Cambridge ? How often must this license be renewed ? Does possession of such a license allow its holder to operate any type of Day Care operation at his/her arbitrary intent without notification and/or approval of the City's Inspectional Services Department ? Are there specific regulations which Inspectional Services Department is empowered to enforce in all Day Care operations regardless of size ? Was the apartment at 20 Prescott Street identified and registered as a Day Care entity ? Is its resident tenant a licensed Day Care operator ? When was the most recent date of inspection of said apartment by Inspectional Services Department ? Are other residents in this, and in other multi-family dwellings, consulted and/or notified when a Day Care service is to operate in at least one apartment of the dwelling ? What is the total number of Day Care entities presently functioning in Cambridge and what is the usual interval between inspections of each by personnel of Inspectional Services Department ?



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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Flynn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

John E. Flynn
Deputy City Clerk



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John E. Flynn Deputy City Clerk

Order # 3 F-50

Councillor Walsh re: fire at 20 Prescott
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*Order adapted
by 9 members*