



City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER
R-32.
IN CITY COUNCIL

January 14, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: Understanding health behaviors in our communities will allow us to provide more effective health promotion and disease prevention programs to those in need; and
- WHEREAS: The Institute of Community Health (ICH) is a partnership among Partners, CareGroup and Cambridge Health Alliance that conducts community-based health research in Cambridge and Somerville; and
- WHEREAS: The Institute for Community Health in collaboration with the Cambridge Department of Public Health is now embarking on the Cambridge Somerville Risk Factor Survey; and
- WHEREAS: As the Cambridge Somerville Risk Factor Survey is a phone survey determining the health behaviors of 1750 Cambridge and Somerville residents during the winter of 2002; and
- WHEREAS: After assessing the existing health behavior information for Cambridge and Somerville and consulting with the community, the ICH selected four priority areas to investigate, including access to health care; obesity, diet and weight; physical activity; and use of cancer screening and other preventive care; and
- WHEREAS: In the past, many public health agencies and community organizations in Cambridge have had to rely on national and statewide data to determine the health of their constituencies, results from this survey will provide more detailed data giving us a much clearer view of local health issues; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council extends its gratitude and commends the staff of the Institute for Community Health and the Public Health Department for the upcoming survey. The City Council encourages residents called by survey staff to help by completing the survey questions. The experienced staff will guide each selected resident through the process in less than 25 minutes. In this short time residents can make an important contribution to the health of our communities; and be it further