



City of Cambridge

15.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 1993

COUNCILLOR WOLF
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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ORDERED: That this legislation be drafted and presented to the City Council before the end of February.

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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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