



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 2, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MYERS
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: To achieve these goals the community and the police department must develop new and/or re-establish a relationship. Under C.O.P., the Community, the Police Department and various city departments work together in creative ways to identify problems, collaborate on solutions and then implement the solutions. The range of problems to be addressed includes contemporary community related issues to crime, fear of crime, social and physical disorder and neighborhood decay; and

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WHEREAS: The C.O.P. Leadership Council (the civilian portion of the partnership) will be having a membership drive over the next month or so; now therefore be it

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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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Born, Dineen, Galluccio, Myers
Consent Order #19
Reeves, Russell, Toomey, Trantafillon
Councillor Sullivan re: Encourage
Cambridge residents and businesses
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Orientated Policing (C.O.P.) as the
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Order Adopted