



# City of Cambridge

24.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 12, 1994

COUNCILLOR WALSH  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR MYERS  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL  
MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Continental Cable has notified the City Manager and the Cable Committee of the City Council that it is continuing to examine opportunities to carry RTPI (Radio Television Portugal International); and

WHEREAS: Continental has further stated that they have a channel set aside and have invested in technical equipment to deliver the signal; and

WHEREAS: Continental has further stated that they are awaiting FCC "going forward" rulings which will incent cable operators to add qualifying programming to the Standard Basic Tier of service; and

WHEREAS: FCC has scheduled to meet on September 19th to review three of these regulatory rules of which one of these rules relates to "going forward"; and

WHEREAS: Continental states that if the FCC is propitious in its readjustment of that rule, then cable will add RTPI to Standard Tier; and

WHEREAS: RTPI is important to the Portuguese Community of Cambridge; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to meet with Ms. Hillcoat, the General Manager of Continental Cablevision and determine what continued means by "propitious in its readjustment" per its letter of August 11, 1994 (letter attached) and advise the City Council in detail as to what this phrase means in dollars and cents and who will determine the FCC ruling and what Continental's intent is if the FCC ruling is not "propitious in its readjustment" in regards to the future implementation of RTPI.

In City Council September 12, 1994.  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury,  
City Clerk

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Cablevision®**

August 11, 1994

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager  
City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Council Order No. 86 Relative to RTPi

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Joyce Conroy Hillcoat  
General Manager

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c: MAPS  
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Mayor Peewee  
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Consent Order #24

Councillor Walsh re: Continental Cable examining opportunities to carry RIPI.

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In City Councilk September 12, 1994

*Order adopted*