



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR WALSH

MARCH 26, 1990

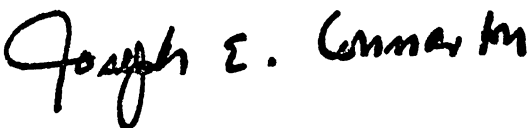
- WHEREAS: Within the past few weeks safety regulations for day-care centers has taken center stage across the Commonwealth and here in Cambridge and there appear to be serious loose ends attached thereto whose tightening up no one seems to want to touch; and
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- WHEREAS: A few days prior thereto, in the course of an investigative television report on Channel 7, the reporter focused on a multi-unit property on Wadsworth Street, Cambridge, allegedly owned by M.I.T., where it is estimated that at least 60 children are participating in some type of State-certified day-care centers which are operative in that building. In that same television report, a spokesperson for the Cambridge Fire Department made it clear that a major problem is that no Fire Department in any municipality in the Commonwealth is notified by the State when a certificate is issued which gives a person the right to operate a day-care center. The result is that in the event of fire, such as occurred some weeks ago on Prescott Street, the Fire Department has no inkling until they arrive on the scene that the property in flames is a day-care center with an obvious additional potential for loss of life. Such a policy places the Fire Department at a severe and unjustified disadvantage. No city or town in the Commonwealth has an obligation to be kept in the dark as to the presence of day-care centers within its limits due to the inability or unwillingness of the State Office for Children to complete its job by notifying each municipality when it issues a right to operate a day-care center to a resident thereof; now therefore be it

- ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Commissioner of Inspectional to provide this Council with the best opinion as to how this new statute in the State Building Code meshes with the presently existing City of Cambridge Building Code, especially regarding the matter of "special use" of property. Further, that the City Manager request the Fire Chief to provide an assessment of what we are confronting in terms of the number of day-care centers operating presently throughout the city and what proposal could be made which, not only for Cambridge but across the Commonwealth, would force creation of a notification process whereby municipal Fire Departments will be advised as to locations where residents have been issued a right to operate a day-care center; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the Council with this requested material within two (2) weeks; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and is requested to prepare a duly engrossed copy of this Order and transmit same to Ms. Mary Kay Leonard, Commissioner for the State Office for Children.

In City Council March 26, 1990.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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Joseph E. Connam
City Clerk

Order # 6

S-306

Councillor Walsh re: how new State Building
Code can mesh with the City of Cambridge
Building Code.

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Order adopted