



# City of Cambridge

155.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 27, 1998

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
MAYOR DUEHAY  
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The Community Development Department and Planning Board, with the advice of the Citywide Growth Management Advisory Committee, have undertaken a comprehensive rezoning process; and

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WHEREAS: The latest information from the Community Development Department is that reductions in FAR in commercial districts will be acted on between March and September, 1999; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council by its September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Community Development Department's current schedule for considering reduction in FAR in commercial districts and its plans for collecting the information that will be needed to complete this process in a timely fashion.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

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Resolution Re: Growth Management Data  
Collection & Schedule

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38. ~~Plan and an earnings bank at the Fresh Pond  
Reservation be built to the industry standard for  
Best water quality and ground water protection.  
Councillor Davis~~

39. ~~Concerns over the siting of a new nursing home  
at Fresh Pond Reservation.  
Councillor Born~~

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Consent Order #155 39/CM

Councillor Triantafillou re: report on  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**