



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 1992

COUNCILLOR WOLF
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR CYR
MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: The attached correspondence relates to the city's policy for licensing on-site catering trucks; and

WHEREAS: The writer informs the City Council that Cambridge-based caterers are not able to get access to delivering food to construction sites in Cambridge often; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to regard it as city policy that for City construction jobs, Cambridge-based caterers, with the proper licenses, have an opportunity to supply workers with food, and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report to the City Council as to the process and licenses required for such food provision and whether it is possible to frame the process to give Cambridge-based caterers first priority for such licenses.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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City Clerk

CAMBRIDGE CATERING
14 Fairmont Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02130
617-868-3368

August 3, 1992

Dear Councillor,

The city of Cambridge is enacting a residency requirement to have a certain percentage of Cambridge residents on construction sites in the city. This could also include a Cambridge resident with a Cambridge based business to service the food needs of the workers at construction sites. As a lifelong resident of Cambridge, and small businessperson in this city, a good portion of my business comes from catering at construction sites. Often I lose business at construction sites when trucks from other cities obtain permission to service those jobs.

In the past, in other cities, I have been unable to cater a construction site even though the contractor wanted my companies services. The contractor had to heed to the wishes of that city and had to allow a resident of that city to cater the job site rather than myself. I feel this requirement should also be available in the city of Cambridge to a Cambridge resident with a Cambridge based business.

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This policy could easily be implemented at the upcoming construction sites such as, the Cambridge Hospital, Morse School, Aqassiz School, and others. It may take the private sector and universities longer to comply with this, but at city owned sites it should be implemented immediately along with the Cambridge residency requirements.

My company is fully licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, The City of Cambridge Health Department, and the City of Cambridge Board of License Commissioners. Many times I must compete with other catering trucks who come into the City of Cambridge for the sole purpose of catering a large construction site and they have none of the above mentioned licenses.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. If there is any way I can be of assistance in implementing the above policies, please feel free to call or contact me at any time.

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CONSENT ORDER #10

Goomey, May, McRees F-3108
Councillor Wolfre: Policy for city
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from city-based caterers with proper
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Order Adopted