

## Burlington City Council Considers Partners Benefits

Following a 2-1 vote of the personnel committee in early September to add a domestic partner's provision to a revision of the personnel handbook, the full council is expected to take up the matter in late November. Six council members have expressed support for the addition, two oppose and the remaining three had not made their position public as *OITM* went to press on November 3th.

The proposed change originated in Mayor Peter Clavelle's office and was first mentioned by him at Vermont's 1991 Pride Day Rally in Burlington. It would define a partnership as a relationship between two people who are not blood-related as defined by Vermont's laws; are not married or related by marriage; who share a primary residence and the "common necessities of life" are at least 18; are competent to enter a contract; sign a declaration of partnership and are not in a domestic partnership with anyone else; and agree to be responsible for each other's welfare.

The proposed change would provide domestic partners of city employees with

health and dental insurance through a city self-insured plan purchased from Blue Cross of VT. At press time, Community Health Plan (CHP), another city insurer, had not yet agreed to extend benefits to domestic partners.

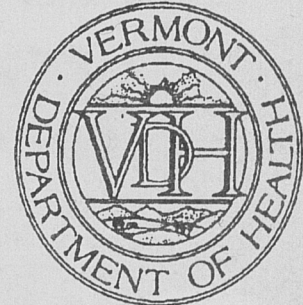
Cambridge, Massachusetts became the first municipality in that state to extend benefits to partners of city employees. By a narrow vote, the City Council approved the plan which will be implemented by the end of 1992. Cambridge joins 18 other municipalities that provide some form of domestic partnership benefits for city employees. ▼

### Questions?

Call the  
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual  
Youth Info-Line  
1 800-GLB-CHAT

Outright VT  
Youth Group Meeting  
Sunday 2-4 pm

## For confidential AIDS Information



Call  
1-800-882-AIDS

## Health Resource Organizations

### AIDS HOTLINES:

Vermont	1-800-882-2437
New Hampshire	1-800-752-2437
New York State	1-800-541-2437
Massachusetts	1-617-522-4090
Maine	1-800-851-2437
National	1-800-342-2437
Canadian	1-613-563-2437

**AIDS Community Awareness Project (ACAP)**  
PO Box 608  
St. Johnsbury VT 05819  
(802) 748-1149

**AIDS Community Resource Network (ACoRN)**  
PO Box 2057  
Lebanon NH 03766  
(603) 448-2220

**Bennington Area AIDS Project**  
PO Box 1066  
Bennington VT 05201  
(802) 442-4481 or 1-800-845-2437

**Brattleboro AIDS Project**  
67 Main Street  
Brattleboro VT 05302  
(802) 254-4444 (Helpline)  
(802) 254-8263 (Office)

**Franklin-Grand Isle AIDS Task Force**  
8 Ferris Street  
St. Albans VT 05478 • (802) 524-7742  
1-800-638-7834

**Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous**  
GLAA, P.O. Box 5653  
Burlington, VT 05402

**H.E.A.L. Vermont (Holistic Education and AIDS Alternatives Liaison)**  
PO Box 795  
Montpelier VT 05602 • (802) 229-4325

**Lesbian Cancer Support Group**  
(802) 660-8386

**Northeast Kingdom AIDS Coalition**  
PO Box 40  
Newport VT 05855 • (802) 334-2437

**North Star (Holistic Health Care)**  
RR2 Box 3255  
Morrisville VT 05661 • (802) 888-2858

**Vermont AIDS Council**  
PO Box 275  
Montpelier VT 05601 • (802) 229-2557

**Vermont C.A.R.E.S. (Committee for AIDS Resources, Education, and Services)**  
PO Box 5248  
30 Elmwood Avenue  
Burlington VT 05401  
(802) 863-2437 (Burlington)  
1-800-649-2437 (Rutland and Washington County support groups)

**Vermont Department of Health**  
1-800-882-2437 (AIDS Hotline) or  
(802) 863-7245 (AIDS Program office)

**VT PWA Coalition**  
PO Box 1055  
Brattleboro, VT 05502  
1-800-69-VTPWA or (802) 257-9277

**Vermont Women's Health Center**  
336 North Avenue  
Burlington VT 05401 • (802) 863-1386