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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING

Robert E. Rudolph
Director

March 28, 1969

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

In reply to the request for a recommendation concerning parking stickers for Cambridge residents:

The city solicitor has stated that a law exists which permits regulations prohibiting parking on streets by other than residents of that particular street. However the city solicitor has not ventured to say, and I am not legally qualified to say, what the supreme court would rule on such a regulation.

I, nevertheless, believe in the fairness, equity, and logic of the law. I believe that laws should not discriminate as to race, color, creed or national ancestry. To this can be added place of residence.

The State Department of Public Works has very wisely refused to permit regulations to be adopted under this law. I believe the natural extension of such a law is clear: The residents of Brattle Street would not be allowed to park on Lowell Street; residents of Otis Street would not be allowed to park on Fifth Street; residents of any of the above could not park on Magazine Street. No one could have visitors to his own home if they were coming by automobile. On streets with more registered cars than spaces, someone wouldn't be able to come home. In addition to residents of Cambridge not being able to park anywhere but in front of their own homes, they wouldn't be able to drive and park anywhere else in the city.

If Arlington, Boston and Somerville did the same thing, then we couldn't drive across the city line.

I'm sure that there are those who think that this might be a great solution to our traffic and parking problems. I do not. I further would assume that the code of ethics of the police department would prohibit them from enforcing such a discriminate regulation.

Sincerely,

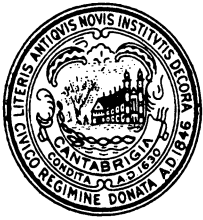
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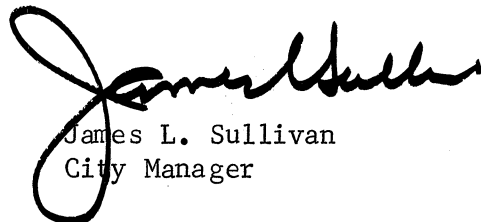
John H. Corcoran
Assistant City Manager

April 7, 1969

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith communication from Robert E. Rudolph, Director of Traffic & Parking, relative to issuing parking stickers for Cambridge residents. I believe this communication is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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mitting one from Robert E. Ruddick,
Director of Traffic and Parking, relative
to issuing parking stickers for Cambridge
residents.

April 7, 1969

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