



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date March 7, 1988

From *G. Teso*
George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #12 of Feb. 29, 1988 Parking at Meters For Residents

In investigating the feasibility of issuing parking meter exemption stickers to residents, I have found that this would be illegal as we would be reserving a parking space on a public way for a specific group of people. This in the past has been ruled by the court to be discriminatory and unconstitutional.

The main reason for this ruling was that parking meters are only installed in areas zoned for business and if parking was not controlled we would end up with uncontrolled parkers who would park there day and night without moving. At the present time on Cambridge Street, Broadway and Hampshire Street, we do not tag meters after 5:00 PM allowing residents to park there from 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM which is the time that they are most concerned with.

The only way that I can see to allow resident parking in our business districts is to change the zoning from business to residential but this would mean that every resident of the City with a parking sticker would be able to park there and in the end it would not solve any of the problems but create a serious problem for the small businesses located along our major arteries.

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March 14, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 27 regarding the issuance of parking meter exemption stickers to residents of Cambridge Street, Broadway, and Hampshire Street, I submit the attached report from the Traffic and Parking Department.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 3

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 27
on the feasibility of issuing parking meter
exemption stickers to residents of Cambridge
St., Broadway & Hampshire St.

In City Council,

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