



City of Cambridge

36.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 30, 1996

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The citizens of Cambridge frequently encounter unsafe and unpleasant traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS: These same citizens frequently approach the Cambridge City Council with their concerns, feeling that the City Council is the best place to get action on these problems; and

WHEREAS: Many of these citizens put a great deal of time and effort into making their presentations or collecting signatures because they seem to feel that is the best way to get a response; however, citizens should not have to go to such lengths to be heard; and

WHEREAS: Unlike something like a zoning change, there is no well-publicized "official" way citizens may get attention and feedback for their issues from the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation; but the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation is inevitably involved in these problems, to evaluate them and to propose traffic calming, stop signs, traffic lights and other improvements, and to devise methods of response; and

WHEREAS: The City Council itself may not know about what the city department is doing or plans to do with regard to many of these issues; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to ask the Director of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department to publicize to the community and to inform the City Council what the best method is for a citizen to make a complaint, and to publicize the method of responding including a timeline, so that citizens will know what to expect; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and is hereby requested to ask the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to report to the City Council the intersections or streets that the department is now examining for improvements including the kinds of improvements that are being contemplated and timelines for implementation; and be it further

ORDERED: That if the City Manager and his staff contemplate any additional methods of informing the City Council and the public about these matters, such as a city quarterly report of traffic situations under study or planned for change, that the Manager make these known to the City Council.

In City Council September 30, 1996
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

Whereas the citizens of Cambridge frequently encounter unsafe and unpleasant traffic conditions.

Whereas these same citizens frequently approach the Cambridge City Council with their concerns, feeling that the Council is the best place to get action on these problems; and

Whereas Further that ^Mmany of these citizens put a great deal of time and effort into their presentations or collecting ~~the~~ signatures because they seem to feel that's the best way to get a response; ^{making} however ~~the~~ citizens should not have to go to such lengths to be heard; and

Whereas: Further that ^UUnlike something like a zoning change, there is no well-publicized "official" way citizens may get attention and feedback for their issues from the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation; ^{but} ~~but~~ that the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation is inevitably involved in these problems, to evaluate them and to propose traffic calming, stop signs, traffic lights and other improvements, ^{and to} ~~as well as~~ devising methods of response; and

Whereas Further that the City Council itself may not know about what the city department is doing or plans to do with regard to many of these issues; ^{now imagine be it}

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the department

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Response

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BORN, D'OHAY, GALLUCCIO, RUSSELL
SULLIVAN, TOOMEY + TRIANTAFILLOU
Consent Order #36 CM-425

**Councillor Davis re: Publicize methods
for a citizen to make a complaint directly
to the Traffic Department and the method
of response including a timeline so that
citizens will know what to expect.**

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ORDER ADOPTED