



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic and Parking
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George Teso
Director

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

DATE: December 15, 1992

TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: George Teso, Traffic Director

SUBJECT: City Council Order #18, dated 12/14/92 -- "Permits for Businesses"

The Traffic and Parking Department does have a plan in existence to assist small businesses to operate in the City of Cambridge. This plan was put into operation three years ago and is comprised of the following:

1. Plumbing companies, electricians, real estate people and others who conduct business throughout the City can park in the resident parking areas without being tagged, if their vehicles are marked and they are doing business in that area. Vehicles that are not marked can obtain a special business permit that is valid for one year.
2. Doctors, visiting nurses and social service workers who make home visits are issued citywide parking stickers which allow them to park in resident permit parking areas.
3. Doctors or small businesses which are located completely within a resident parking permit area are either given visitor permits for their patients or clients or in some cases we install short-term parking for their customers.

The main problem we have with some people is that they register their vehicle at their place of business and want a resident parking sticker to park their vehicle all day in a resident parking area. The special act that authorized the resident parking program in the City states that in order to obtain a resident parking sticker the applicant must demonstrate that they have Massachusetts plates, that the vehicle is principally garaged in Cambridge, and that the vehicle is owned or used by a person residing in Cambridge.

Given the City's clearly stated goal to reduce commuter trips to the City, and given the steady complaints we have received from

residents who feel that some businesses improperly obtain resident parking stickers in this manner, we have increased enforcement efforts recently to assure that only those applicants who properly meet the requirements obtain resident parking stickers.



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January 4, 1993

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 23, regarding parking permits for businesses, received from George Teso, Traffic Director, concerning this issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3

S-12

Awaiting Report Item No. 15 regarding
parking permits for businesses.

*See F. 1992 #557 for the
order.*

In City Council,

January 4, 1993

Placed on file