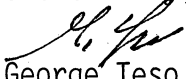




CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Feb. 1, 1991

From 
George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #63 dated 1/28/91 Re: Tagging & Towing from Handicapped Spaces

The Traffic & Parking Department currently has 195 on-street handicapped parking spaces in the City of Cambridge. The procedures used to tag and tow these vehicles require the cooperation of the police and traffic departments. These procedures are as follows:

Any parking control officer who observes a vehicle parked illegally in a handicap space or in front of a handicap ramp automatically issues a \$50.00 parking ticket to the vehicle. The officer then notifies our office, gives us the information on location and type of vehicle tagged. We then call the tow desk at the police department requesting them to tow the illegally parked vehicle. The reason we call the police department is the fact that they are the agency that can tow these vehicles under the law.

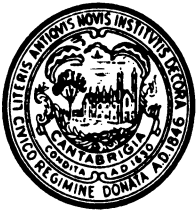
In the past six months from July to December 1990, the traffic department has tagged and reported to the police department the following number of vehicles:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Handicap Spaces</u>	<u>Handicap Ramps</u>	<u>Total</u>
July	351	155	506
Aug.	335	150	485
Sept.	304	165	469
Oct.	350	182	532
Nov.	444	212	656
Dec.	<u>332</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>479</u>
Totals	2116	1011	3127

The police department has informed me that during the same period of time that they have towed 103 vehicles. They also informed us that many times the tagged vehicles move before the tow truck arrives.

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February 4, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With regard to Awaiting Report Item No. 42, relative to number of cars fined and towed from handicapped parking spaces, attached is a response from George Teso, Director of Traffic & Parking.

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

Awaiting Report Item Number 42, regarding
number of cars fined and towed from
handicapped spaces.

In City Council,

February 4, 1991

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