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DEPARTMENT OF
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February 2, 1973

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REPORT ON RESIDENT PARKING STICKER PROGRAM

I. INTRODUCTION

In October and November of 1972, a Resident Sticker Parking Program was studied and designed for a section of the Cambridgeport Area of the City of Cambridge. The section that was selected was one that has been a problem area for many years due to the proximity to Boston University and other businesses in the Area. The area chosen, as shown on the enclosed Drawing No. SP-C-1092, was publicized in all the local newspapers and a report on this was made to the City Council on October 27, 1972. The necessary steps were then taken to put this program into operation as soon as possible. To meet the legal requirements, the regulations governing this program were then advertised in the local newspaper for three consecutive weeks along with a paid notice in all the local newspapers informing the public of the proposed sticker area and where they could obtain their resident parking permit.

At the same time, a notice was mailed to each family in the area informing them that the stickers were available and to make sure they bring their automobile registration with them. The list of residents was obtained from the official 1972 police listing and a total of 643 cards were mailed. The Traffic and Parking Department issued 396 parking stickers to all residents of the area who qualified under Chapter 340

of the Acts of 1972, a copy of which is enclosed. Each person who was issued a sticker was told about the regulation and what it meant, as far as parking was concerned, and a card was given to them with information telling them where to put the sticker on their motor vehicle. The Traffic Department also answered all questions put to them by the residents.

II. OPERATION

By January 1973, all the signs had been installed in the test area informing people of the restriction and one week later on January 8, 1973, the Police Department started tagging all violators in the test area. At the same time, the Traffic Department made periodical checks of the area to find out if the regulation was being obeyed. As can be seen in Table I and Table II, the number of violators decreased substantially during the period of enforcement.

III. PROBLEMS

Since the beginning of this Resident Sticker Program, we, as well as other Departments, Police, District Court, Mayor's Office and all City Councilors have received complaints. Most of these were, either in person, or by telephone. The Traffic Department received approximately 20 letters complaining about the plan and most of these were from non-residents who either worked in the area or were in the area to perform some service to the area. Most of the residents in the area felt that the program should be retained with some modifications and listed below are the most common complaints.

- A. Visitor Parking - Make some arrangement so residents may have guests.
- B. People Working in the Area -
 - 1. Parking for customers of stores in the area
 - 2. Parking for patients of doctors in the area
 - 3. Parking for contractors, salesmen, etc. working in the area
 - 4. Parking for day care centers
- C. Church - Parking for pastor and people attending church

- D. School - Parking for school functions
- E. Rented or Borrowed Vehicles
- F. Students with out-of-state plates

IV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Although the study period was terminated there was sufficient time to gather enough information to determine what the greatest problems were and it was decided that some changes were needed to make this program work. It was also my opinion that the program should be retained at all costs as the residents of the area have stated that they like the idea and will do everything possible to make it work.

I am taking each problem stated in this report and relating my proposals to solve them and the reasons why.

Visitor Parking - To solve this problem two (2) visitor permits be issued to each resident who qualifies under the State Act. These permits be of the portable type that can be put inside the front windshield informing the Police that they are visitors.

Patients of Doctors - The same procedure as a visitor will be used but in this case the doctor may need more than two visitor permits.

Parking for Contractors - Contractors who have their vehicles marked or registered as a commercial vehicle, if legitimately working in the area, should not be tagged.

Parking for Church - This problem can be solved by a phone call to the Police Department informing them that on a certain day or time of day the church would be holding a special service or function. As for the Sunday services, the regulation would be revised to omit Sunday from this regulation.

School Parking - This problem should be handled the same way as a church function by a phone call to the Police Department.

Rented Vehicles - A sticker would be issued to a resident who meets all the other requirements of the State Act.

Mr. John H. Corcoran

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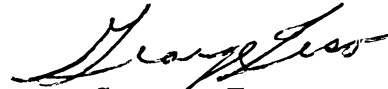
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Students - Students who are residents should register their cars in the State of Massachusetts to qualify for a sticker.

Some arrangements can be made with some of the Public Service Agencies in the area and for special occasions or events being held in the area.

Although these may not be the solutions to all the problems, it is my opinion that they will solve most of the residents' problems and give us a chance to continue this program in this area with a view towards expanding this program to other residential areas of the City.

Very truly yours,



George Teso
Traffic Director

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TABLE I

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARKING TICKETS ISSUED</u>	
	<u>8:00 AM to 5:00 PM</u>	<u>5:00 PM to 8:00 AM</u>
Jan. 8, 1973	132	-
Jan. 9, 1973	59	-
Jan. 10, 1973	60	-
Jan. 11, 1973	27	-
Jan. 12, 1973	23	-
Jan. 15, 1973	42	-
Jan. 16, 1973	80	-
Jan. 17, 1973	72	-
Jan. 18, 1973	75	76
Jan. 19, 1973	17	-
Jan. 22, 1973	16	30
Jan. 23, 1973	18	-
Jan. 24, 1973	14	-
Jan. 25, 1973	34	-
Jan. 26, 1973	<u>29</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	698	106

All figures received from the Cambridge Police Dept.

TABLE II

OBEDIENCE TO PARKING RESTRICTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF DAY</u>		
	<u>7:00 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Jan. 3, 1973	(51) 226	(44) 160	(87) 186
Jan. 14, 1973	(105) 150	(69) 71	(101) 106
Jan. 18, 1973	(150) 101	(76) 64	(101) 109
Jan. 25, 1973	(168) 63	(107) 48	(136) 43
Feb. 1, 1973	(160) 61	(83) 61	(144) 52

(00) Number Parked with stickers

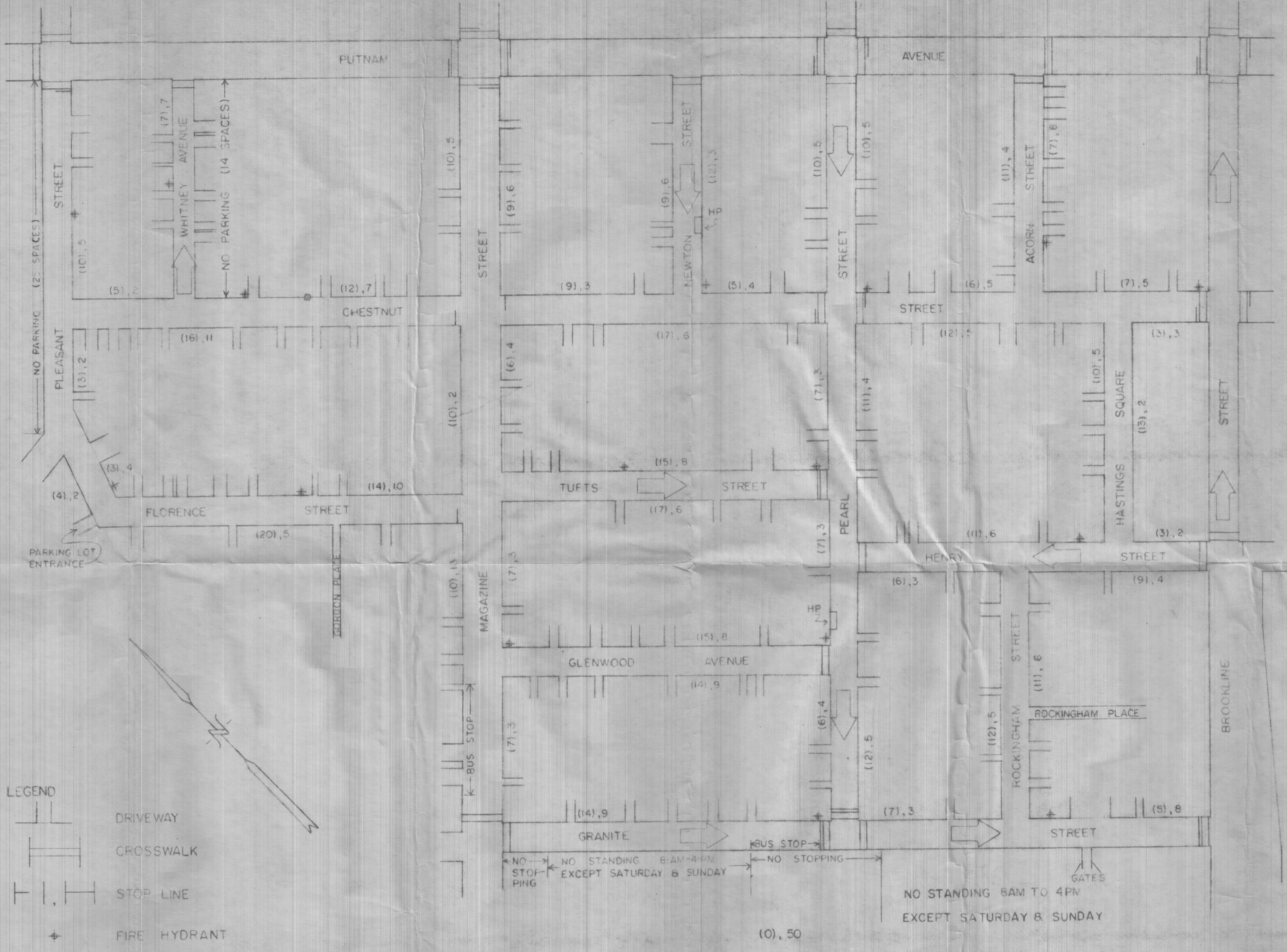
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TABLE III

LOCATION AND NUMBER OF STICKERS ISSUED IN PARKING STICKER AREA

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STICKERS ISSUED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES</u>
ACORN STREET	12	18
CHESTNUT STREET	56	92
FLORENCE STREET	27	34
GLENWOOD AVENUE	27	29
GRANITE STREET	17	*26
HASTINGS SQUARE	14	23
HENRY STREET	24	29
MAGAZINE STREET	69	59
NEWTON STREET	17	21
PEARL STREET	57	63
PLEASANT STREET	13	20
ROCKINGHAM STREET	23	23
TUFTS STREET	22	32
WHITNEY AVENUE	18	7
TOTALS	<u>476</u>	<u>396</u>

*NOTE: There are 35 more spaces available from 4 P.M. to 8A.M. on Granite Street because of a parking restriction in front of the Morse School from 8A.M. to 4 P.M.



LEGEND

- DRIVE WAY
- CROSSWALK
- STOP LINE
- FIRE HYDRANT
- EXISTING ONE WAY

(LEGAL), ILLEGAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES

- HP HANDICAPPED PERSON
- TREE ON CURB

NO STOPPING
 NO STANDING 8AM-4PM EXCEPT SATURDAY & SUNDAY
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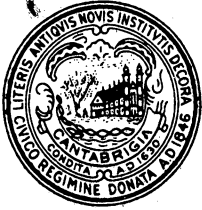
NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DRAWN	CHKD	REC'M	APPVD	DATE
REVISIONS ABOVE							

CAMBRIDGEPORT AREA
 RESIDENT PARKING TEST AREA

	INITIAL	DATE
DRAWN	<i>[Signature]</i>	17 Jan 23
TRACED	<i>[Signature]</i>	17 Jan 23
CHECKED	<i>[Signature]</i>	17 Jan 23
REC'M APP.	<i>[Signature]</i>	17 Jan 23
APPROVED	<i>[Signature]</i>	17 Jan 23

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DRAWING NO.
 SF-C-1092
 SCALE 1"=100'
 SHEET NO. 1 OF 1



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JOHN H. CORCORAN
City Manager

February 5, 1973

To the Honorable, the City Council,

I transmit herewith for your information a Report on Resident Parking
Sticker Program as submitted by George Teso, Director of Traffic and Parking.

Yours truly,

John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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In City Council,

Feb. 5, 1973