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December 3, 1998

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director 

SUBJECT: Council Order #009 dated 11/9/98

RE: Report on the policy of valet parking in the city and the fees charged as well as if valet attendants are allowed to store spaces on street parking

We have reviewed the valet parking guidelines and procedures and it is my opinion the city has the necessary control to allow businesses to provide their customers a worthwhile service without creating a major problem to the general public. A valet service provides an opportunity to serve many more people and vehicles for the number of parking spaces used. On Street parking in Cambridge for any purpose is always going to be a scarce resource. The purpose of the valet parking program is to allow a small number of spaces to service the parking needs of several cars. This allows the parking to be available to other users and reduces the chance that a non-resident visitor would park in a resident permit only area. Since the valet service is only allowed after 6 p.m. it does not effect the parking meters and the only cost to the city is the one time installation of regulatory signs. The annual cost of \$10.00 per foot of curb used is appropriate to offset the city's costs to administer the program.

The one current valet service on Mt. Auburn Street for the Harvest Restaurant has been working well. The program started September 19, 1998 and use has been growing. Currently, they are servicing 75 to 100 cars per week, Sunday and Monday they average 5 to 10 cars, Tuesday and Wednesday they average 10-15 cars, Thursday they average 15 to 20 cars and Friday and Saturday they average 20-30 cars. The Parking Control Officers make sure no valet vehicles are parked on the public right of way and are instructed to issue violations if cars are parked illegally or report if the valet company does not move them into the off site parking facility. To date, the Harvest valet service has operated according to their permit. According to the financial information filed with the application and the number of vehicles parked, the operation is breaking even. We will review this and other permitted valet operations periodically to assure their compliance with the guidelines and that the charge by the city is appropriate.

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December 14, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 22, regarding a report on the policy of valet parking in the City and the fees charged as well as if valet attendants are allowed to store spaces on street parking, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

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Consent Agenda #4

Relative to Awaiting Report
#21, regarding a report on
the policy of valet parking
in the City and the fees charged
as well as if valet attendants
are allowed to store spaces on
street parking.

In City Council December 14, 1998

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