

29 October 1992

City of Cambridge
Councilors Office
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Sirs/Madam:

I am writing in regards to the new 1993 rate schedule for Cambridge Resident Parking. I think it is an outrage that you have increased the cost of parking to such a high amount, but more importantly, I'd like to know what the rationale is for raising the fees exponentially when there is more than one resident per household.

My roommate and I both have cars which are registered in Cambridge. There is no off-street parking in the apartment building I live in and no non-residential parking available. Why should we have to pay a combined amount of \$20.00 instead of the \$10 (\$5 each) of last year? And why should I be penalized for having a roommate (ie, if I lived alone I would only pay \$8)? If we had a third roommate, we would have to pay \$45.00 for three parking permits and **one** visitor permit.

Your office seems to think parking is a luxury or privilege, and that if a household can afford to own more than one car it should be able to afford the extortionist rates you have set. It also would appear that you feel that the Residents of Cambridge have no choice but to pay whatever exorbitant fees you chose to force on us.

Parking at one's residence is a **right** not a privilege. I am a registered voter and tax-payer in Cambridge and have been for seven years. I am outraged that this travesty should occur and I will do everything in my power to see that this unilateral decision is rectified next year.

Sincerely,



Tamara L. Jessiman
254 Lexington Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138

Consent Comm. #4

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Communication received from Tamara L. Jessiman, 254 Lexington Avenue, regarding the new 1993 Resident Parking rate fees.

In City Council,

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