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Cambridge, MA 02138
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City of Cambridge, Traffic & Parking Dept.
57 Inman St.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Sirs and Madames:

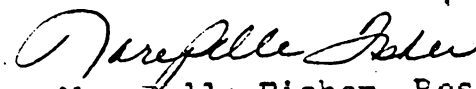
I am writing in regard to the lack of enforcement of the regulations for Permit Parking Only. Admittedly, parking this close to Harvard Square is always going to be difficult because of the density of the population in this area, but in the last three to four months the parking has become much worse. Frequently in the evening it is necessary for me to park my car four or five blocks from my house, and within the past week there have been occasions when there just are no parking spots anywhere in the neighborhood.

I have noticed as I walk along the various streets in my neighborhood that many of the cars do not have either resident stickers nor visitor's permits. This afternoon walking from Brattle St. to Concord St. along Craigie, for instance, there were eleven cars on the one side of the street with no permit of either kind. Several weeks ago on an evening during the week I did an informal survey as I walked up the street and discovered that in choosing a row of 10 cars at random seven of them did not have a permit. Seldom is there a ticket on any of these cars.

Is the City Ordinance in regard to resident parking not to be enforced in this neighborhood in the evening? While I recognize that it requires a certain allocation of personnel to enforce the Ordinance; it would seem that the cost of hiring personnel would easily be offset by the revenue generated by ticketing the illegally parked cars. It would also effect the availability of parking fairly quickly as non-residents learned that the parking ordinance is in effect. It is now the impression of most people who bring their cars to Cambridge that the resident parking ban is enforced only during daytime hours during the working week. I can understand how they arrive at that impression since they do not get a ticket for parking here any other time.

As you will notice below I am sending a copy of this letter to the City Council since I think the situation has reached a serious level and requires address immediately. I would appreciate hearing from your department as to what you plan in regard to enforcing the parking ordinance. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MaryBelle Fisher, Resident

cc: City Council Members
Police Dept.

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Comm. from MaryBelle Fisher, 24 Concord Ave.,
Re: lack of enforcement of regulations for
Permit Parking only, particularly in the
Brattle St., Concord Ave. & Craigie St. area.

In City Council,

December 8, 1986

Referred to City Manager -
and
Traffic Director

copy sent to the City Manager &
Traffic Director 12/10/86 mh