



THE
CHARLES
HOTEL

AT HARVARD SQUARE

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November 4th 1985

Councillor Clinton
City Hall
Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Councillor Clinton,

I contacted you by telephone last week to discuss the proposal that has been made to move the taxicab stand outside the Charles Hotel from its present position. You asked that we put our opinions in letter form.

The present location of the taxi stand is on University Road, out of sight of the entrance to the Hotel. The cab drivers are ignoring the stand and are parking on Bennett Street adjacent to the entrance to the Hotel parking garage. They feel that they need to see the Hotel entrance from the stand in order to be efficient.

We too would prefer to be able to see the stand, because many times our doormen have to run to the end of the street to establish if there are cabs waiting, before we can call the cab companies to order taxis. Although we have installed a call buzzer, this is not always satisfactory. Clearly, there is no really safe spot on Bennett street since cars are entering and leaving the garage across the line of cabs. We feel that the best spot for the stand would be outside the University Place building, on University Road, opposite and in line with the end of the Craigie Arms building, at the Bennett Street end of that building. There is an ornamental lamp post with a small 'P' sign which would mark, in our view, the perfect position for the front cab on the stand.

I hope this helps in any decision making process you might consider undertaking to determine the movement of the cabstand. I know that the taxi drivers who serve this Hotel are not happy with the present stand.

Assuring you of our utmost attention at all times, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Hurren
Concierge

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order that the Traffic Dept
work with the interested parties

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 1985

COUNCILLOR CLINTON

WHEREAS: This City Council continues to receive complaints relative to the present location of the taxi stands on University Road by the Charles Hotel; and

WHEREAS: Both customers and taxi drivers state that the best location for a taxi stand would be either outside the University Place building or on University Road, opposite the Craigie Arms building; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Director of Traffic and Parking to confer with both representatives of the taxi industry and the Charles Hotel in an effort to solve this problem.

In City Council November 18, 1985.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order # 5

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Councillor Clinton order re: complaints
relative to the present location of the
taxi stands on University Road by the
Charles Hotel.

In City Council,

November 18, 1985

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