

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
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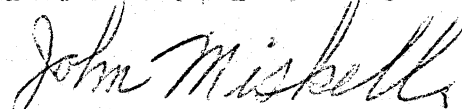
City Council
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Following is a verbatim copy of a motion approved by the committee on April 6, 1975:

Criticism has been expressed to the city council on the grounds that the Cambridge Police Department is beginning to enforce meaningfully parking regulations in Harvard Square. We expect more such criticism but we are hopeful and confident that Chief Pisani will be strong enough to withstand the pressure and continue his department on its present course.

The most visible aspect of a police department is its traffic and parking enforcement. The Cambridge department's inadequacies in this regard have long been a factor in its poor reputation. Harvard Square, in particular, has been chaos. Those who have benefitted from ignoring parking regulations will object to enforcement; however, the law-abiding citizens of Cambridge will benefit. The long-run effect, with enforcement of pedestrian and traffic laws, could be sanity in Harvard Square.

For too long, people who object to certain policies expressed in law have taken the easy way out; they have ignored the law with the assistance of the police department. It is not the function of the police to veto the actions of other arms of government. We hope that now and in the future, those who object to policy will be forced to go through legal channels, and, no longer, be able to achieve their wishes through the failure of the police to perform their duties.



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Parking regulations in Harvard Square.

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