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City Councilmen

Gentlemen:

In the first week in September I came to Boston area to attend the Harvard Business School; I come from Idaho and have been living in California. I found temporary quarters in Cambridge where the landlady informed me that I would have to see about "registering my car". I knew that I would have to "register" my car with the State of Massachusetts and did that on the first day of classes at Harvard. I returned that Monday to find a sticker-citation on my car for violating a Parking by Permit zone (which to me meant having a Mass. registration). I felt that the citation was unfair, and wrote a letter to the city saying so. They gave me an appointment for a hearing and today I went up to the city building and met with the clerk. He, fairly and properly, voided the ticket and explained to me that Cambridge had a city ordinance prohibiting non-residents from parking in the city. (Which still just blows my mind and is hard to believe) He said that I should hurry out to my car since I might already have another violation. I ran down and sure enough, there was another one on the car, and I was right back where I started from. I ran back upstairs, and the man said I told you so, and in spite of the fact that he had just five minutes previously explained the law to me, he refused to void the ticket. He then said that I had better get back to the car else I have a third citation.

I feel that I have been the victim of a shabby shake-down and unjustly dealt with. Being from the West, not understanding that registration meant with Cambridge and not the State, and then, the clerk-while explaining that to me-refusing to void a citation that was issued simultaneously is more than I can accept within the bounds of fairness.

Please respond to this letter by telling me how I can protest the citation (having another hearing obviously is futile). Also, please advise me of the law and its implications if I simply do not pay the fine. I shall look forward to your response.

Irate but respectfully,

James G. Clawson
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NOTE: CITATION # 261460 FOR \$15.00.

The fee is excessive, too!

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Comm. from James G. Clawson relative to
Cambridge Parking Permits.

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In City Council,

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