



City of Cambridge

13.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 25, 1991

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate the problem mentioned in the attached letter and to report back to the City Council within two weeks.

In City Council November 25, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John E. Flynn".

John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk



November 19, 1991

Parking Clerk
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
P.O. Box 2004
Cambridge, MA 02139-9113

RE: Violation #06877206-0/Wrong Direction Parking

Dear Sir(s) or Madam(s):

I am writing in response to a parking violation, a copy of which is enclosed, that I received on Sunday night, November 17, 1991 that I am disputing because I feel I received the ticket under very suspicious circumstances which I will explain in this letter, as follows:

I have lived at 73 Lawn Street in Cambridge for six (6) years. In the entire time that I have lived there, it has been common practice for everyone who lives on this street to park in the wrong direction at one time or another. Since there are almost no driveways on the street, with the exception of one or two, there are close to twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) cars at any given time parked on the street. Of those 25 cars, approximately half are parked in the wrong direction at any given time of the day or night. I am assuming this is because we live on a very quiet side street with little traffic other than local traffic. I have NEVER and I repeat, NEVER, seen anyone ticketed for this particular violation. NEVER!!

That's the first suspicious factor to this incident. Secondly, I have NEVER seen or heard of police officers handing out parking tickets at night in this area. The area is usually patrolled by Meter Maids during daylight hours. That's number two. Thirdly, upon finding the ticket stuck to my passenger side window at 10:55 pm, (30 minutes later), I walked down the street and around the block and I counted nine (9) cars on my street and an additional six (6) cars around the block, parked in the wrong direction!! NOT one single car had a ticket except mine.

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Now, I realize you are probably thinking that I am going to great lengths to get out of paying a parking ticket and I am. But only because I KNOW, without a doubt, that I was ticketed ONLY because I had a disagreement with the wrong person. If I have to pay this ticket, so be it. I have always been a law abiding citizen with very few tickets of any kind, which I have paid promptly and I am outraged to be the victim of these KGB tactics.

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06877206-0

11 17 91

STATE

☒ MA ☐ NH ☐ NY ☐ CT ☐ RI ☐ NJ

OTHER
(code)

PLATE COLOR

PLATE TYPE

REGISTRATION

☒ GR ☐ COMM

214 IAR

MAKE

CHEVY

FORD

DODGE

DAT/NIS

PLYM

VW

TOY

OTHER MAKE

TIME

11:25

A.M.
P.M.

A.M.
P.M.

VEHICLE COLOR
Yellow

LOCATION

73 Lynn St

METER NO.

OFFICER

P.D. Hurry

BADGE NO.

192

ROUTE NO.

24R

COMMENTS

- | | | | |
|--|------|--|------|
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TO

DATE

TIME

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

PHONE

TELEPHONED		PLEASE CALL	
CALLED TO SEE YOU		WILL CALL AGAIN	

MESSAGE

MESSAGE RECEIVED BY



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(code)

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G ☒ R ☐

COMM. ☐

214EAR

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CHEVY

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VW

TOY

OTHER MAKE

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9/PS

TIME

1625 A.M.
P.M. TO

A.M.

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VEHICLE COLOR

Yellow

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City Council NOV. 25 1991

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Consent Order # 13

F-628
Councillor Duehay *Myers* re: parking violations
for wrong direction parking on Lawn
Street.

In City Council,

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Order adopted