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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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December 17, 2001

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-256, regarding a report on procedures used to increase the fines for parking meter violations, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The fines for parking violations are controlled by several State Laws. Chapter 90, section 20A1/2, Chapter 40, section 22A, and chapter 455 of the Acts of 1961.

Chapter 90, section 20A1/2

This legislation decriminalized parking tickets and gave municipalities the authority to establishment the fines. This law sets the maximum fines that a municipality can establish for the various parking violations. The maximum fine for parking at a fire hydrant at \$100.00. The maximum for the other violations is \$15.00.

Chapter 40, section 22A

This legislation establishes the minimum and maximum fines for illegal parking in a Handicap space or blocking a Handicap ramp. The fines were a minimum of \$25.00 and a maximum of \$100.00. Legislation was recently passed changing the fines to a minimum of \$100.00 and a maximum of \$300.00. The City is changing the current fine of \$50.00 to \$100.00 in compliance with this law.

Chapter 455 of the Acts of 1961

This is the legislation which created the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department. This allows the Director to set parking fines within the constraints established by Chapter 90, section 20A1/2 and chapter 40, section 22A. This change was advertised as required in the Cambridge Chronicle on the following dates – November 7, 14, 21, 2001.



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Awaiting Report Item

Number 01-256, regarding a
report on the procedures used
to increase the fines for
parking meter violations.

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Councillor Toomey
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