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To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Nov. 7, 1991

From George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #13 dated 10/28/91 Re: Visitor Permits for Rooming Houses

The Traffic and Parking Department at the request of residents and a City Council Order passed in 1990 investigated ways and means of improving the issuances and abuses of visitor permits. One of the changes made in 1990 was to remove some of the abuses and confusion that existed when dealing with tenants of a rooming house.

Our investigation showed that many roomers were short-term residents and they would give their permits away and the new tenant would request one and by the time the computer caught up to this fact, we would of had to revoke some of the permits.

This would confuse tenants and irritate landlords. We then instituted this new policy which has worked very well and this is the only complaint we have had in two years of operation.

I have enclosed a copy of our Procedures for issuance to rooming houses.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic and Parking
57 Inman Street,
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George Teso
Director

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

November 1, 1990

PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF VISITOR PERMITS
TO ROOMING HOUSES

All requests for Visitor Permits shall be made in writing from manager of the Rooming House. Each request shall include the number of rooms available for rent and the method used for the issuance and control of these permits.

The manager shall assure us that the Visitor Permits will be used in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the use of these Visitor Permits. The manager shall also assure us that the Visitor Permits will not be used by tenants of the Rooming House on any motor vehicle owned or controlled by them that is not registered in the City.

The reason that these procedures are necessary is to stop the confusion that existed due to the fact that many of the boarders are short term tenants and to have each one of them controlling their own permit would result in confusion and abusive use of these permits.

Failure to follow these procedures could result in the revocation of one or all of the Visitor Permits issued to the Rooming House.



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IN CITY COUNCIL
October 28, 1991

MAYOR WOLF

WHEREAS: Rooming house constituents are concerned and confused about the new policy regarding visitor passes; and

WHEREAS: In previous years, rooming house residents have been able to obtain visitor permits independently; and

WHEREAS: This policy has changed, requiring landlords of rooming houses to apply for and receive the passes for their tenants; and

WHEREAS: No other types of tenants living in the city need to rely on their landlords to receive visitor passes; and

WHEREAS: This constitutes unfair and unequal treatment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to investigate this policy, and hopefully overturn it, and to report back to this City Council.

In City Council October 28, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.



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November 18, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 62, relative to tenants of rooming houses obtaining visitors permits, received from George Teso, Director of Traffic & Parking, regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mev
attachment

Consent Agenda # 23

S-1203

Awaiting Report Item Number 62, regarding
tenants of rooming housing obtaining
visitors permits.

In City Council,

November 18, 1991

Placed on file