



# City of Cambridge

54.

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~March 18, 1996~~

March 25, 1996

## COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

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WHEREAS: The City has previously attempted to address such problems by banning on-street parking near the corner and posting signs that prohibit motorists from stopping along the curbs on Massachusetts Avenue and adjacent to the park on Clarendon Avenue; and

WHEREAS: These measures have not resolved the safety problems, and the dangers are at times exacerbated by illegal parking on the sidewalks at the fire hydrant, and in the restricted areas; and

WHEREAS: Neighbors report that a nearby auto repair garage uses Clarendon Avenue to test-drive vehicles and that these cars often have been observed turning left from Clarendon Avenue onto Massachusetts Avenue and traveling southbound in the northbound lanes before turning left into the parking lot of the auto repair garage; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the appropriate city departments to take the following steps without delay:

1. Organize a well-advertised public meeting at the Burns Apartments in conjunction with the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee so that concerned residents can specifically identify and discuss any traffic, parking, and related safety or maintenance problems with representatives of the Transportation, Police, and Public Works Departments, the Commission for Persons with Disabilities, and other appropriate agencies.

2. Conduct a comprehensive traffic, parking, speeding and accident study of this intersection, including detailed vehicle counts and turning analyses; visibility assessments, trucking activities, and other significant site observations; full data on all reported collisions and any changes in traffic volume and accident rates during the past ten years; reassessments of the effectiveness of previous corrective measures; and other relevant data.
3. Prepare a comprehensive report on the results of this study, including appropriate findings and recommendations, and specifically addressing the advisability and feasibility of
  - (a) prohibiting left turns from Clarendon Avenue onto Massachusetts Avenue; and
  - (b) installing a traffic signal at this intersection to control the speed and flow of traffic, prevent collisions, and provide safer crossing for pedestrians; now therefore be it further

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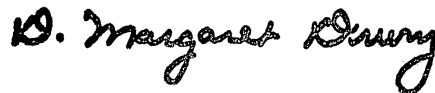
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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City Clerk

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Consent Order #54 Sullivan+Triantafyllou

Councillor Duehay re: Repeated traffic  
accidents and associated pedestrians  
hazards at the intersection of Mass-  
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North Cambridge.

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Order adopted