



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Gail Enman, Director
Handicapped Commission

Date November 1, 1985

From Joseph E. Connarton, Deputy City Clerk

Reference

Subject Public hearing on handicapped parking problems

Please be advised that the City Council, on motion of Councillor David Sullivan, has scheduled a public hearing to be held on Monday, November 18, 1985 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, relative to handicapped parking problems and proposed solutions to same. Your presence or that of your appropriate designee(s) is hereby requested at this time.

Your very kind cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated, both by the City Council and this office.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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To Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Date October 4, 1985

From  Mary Flynn, Interim Director

Reference

Subject Council Order No. 5 - 9/9/85 re:
Handicapped Parking Problems

As requested, I have reviewed the report on HP/V Parking in Cambridge prepared by the Cambridge Commission on Handicapped Persons. The majority of the recommended initiatives do not require the direct involvement of the Community Development Department. However, the report does recommend development of a policy to accommodate the parking needs of handicapped persons in areas where development has resulted in the elimination of on-street parking. The Department is supportive of efforts to accommodate the needs of handicapped persons and is willing to work with the Commission to clarify the intent of this recommendation and to develop a policy and a method of implementation which will meet their goals wherever practical.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Oct. 17, 1985

From *H. Teso*
George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #5 of July 9, 1985 "Handicapped Parking"

I have reviewed the proposal submitted by the Commission on Handicapped Persons concerning the problem of parking for the handicapped. I do agree that there is a need for parking for the handicapped in the City especially in the vicinities of public buildings and shopping areas. As for the initiatives proposed by the Commission they are the same as ours. We have checked the proposed locations one by one to determine the feasibility as it pertains to safety and usability and have listed our recommendations in this report.

The Traffic and Parking Department has been working on this subject for quite awhile with a view toward setting a policy of how and where these areas should be located both on-street and off-street. Our present locations are as follows:

1. Off-Street Parking:

The City of Cambridge does intend to meet the requirements of Chapter 644 of the Massachusetts General Laws and there is a plan to meet these requirements in all its off-street parking lots. At the present time there are 6 Handicap spaces in our Franklin-Green-Pearl Municipal Parking Garage. Three spaces in the Cambridge Hospital Facility and 10 proposed spaces in the East Cambridge Parking Garage. I cannot comment on any private parking facility as these facilities are controlled by the License Commission.

2. On-Street Parking

This is probably the hardest decision to make as far as the location of these spaces are concerned. Every business in the City who has a handicapped person working at their facility wants parking for their employees. We have started installing handicapped spaces at public buildings and will evaluate the other proposed locations. At the present time, we have installed handicapped parking spaces at the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. Spaces</u>
1. Amherst St. (MIT Lab)	3
2. Amherst St. (MIT Office)	2
3. Athenaeum St. (Lotus Co.)	1
4. Broadway (City Hall Annex)	2
5. Cambridge St. (Registry of Deeds)	3
6. Cambridge St. (War Memorial)	3
7. First St. (Mass. Tax Dept.)	4
8. Front St. (MIT Museum)	2
9. Green St. (Police Dept.)	2
10. Huron Ave. (VFW Post)	2
11 Inman St. (Human Services)	3
12. Main St. (Polaroid Corp.)	2
13. Thorndike St. (Courthouse)	4
14. Trowbridge St. (High School)	<u>1</u>
Total	34

I have listed below the Traffic Department's proposed locations on public ways of Handicapped parking spaces.

1. <u>Central Square Area</u>	<u>No. Spaces</u>
Mass. Ave. N/S, East of Inman St.	2
Bishop Allen Dr. (YWCA)	1
Mass. Ave. near Temple St.	2
Mass. Ave. opposite Temple St.	<u>3</u>
Total	8
2. <u>Harvard Square Area</u>	
Garden St.(near Christ Church)	2
Church St.(In front of Church)	2
Brattle St.(American Rep. Theatre)	2
Mt. Auburn St.(postoffice)	1
JFK St.(in front of Shopping Area)	1
Mass.Ave.(between Dana & Ellery Sts.)	<u>1</u>
Total	9
3, <u>Porter Sq.& No. Cambridge Area</u>	
Mass. Ave(between Wendell & Sacramento)	2
Mass.Ave(between Linnaean & Martin)	2
Mass. Ave(between AllenSt.& Beech)	1
Mass. Ave(Masonic Temple)	1
Mass.Ave.(between Walden & Creighton)	2
Mass. Ave.(between Hadley & Russell)	1
Mass. Ave(between Rindge & Cogswell)	<u>1</u>
Total	10

<u>4. West Cambridge Area</u>	<u>No. Spaces</u>
Huron Ave.(between Concord Ave& Royal)	1
Total	<u>1</u>
 <u>5. Kendall Square Area</u>	
Mass. Ave(77 Mass MIT)	3
Vassar St.(125 Vassar)	3
Main St.(Cambridge Trust)	2
Cambridge St.(Postoffice)	2
Cambridge St.(Miller River Apts)	2
Cambridge St.(Between Prospect and Tremont)	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>14</u>
 Grand Total	 44

It is our opinion that these proposed Handicapped Parking spaces are located in areas to provide access to many of the public and business areas. When this program is completed there will be 35 Off-street Handicapped Parking spaces and 76 on-street Handicapped Parking spaces which do not include the Handicapped spaces that now exist in some of the privately owned parking facilities.

This program is an ambitious one as it will require removing some existing parking in areas that are badly in need of additional parking. This program as it compares to other cities our size in the Commonwealth (Worcester and Somerville) is twice as extensive and we will have more on-street Handicap parking spaces than both.

At the present time the fine for parking in these spaces without a HP or Disabled Veterans License plate is \$25.00. It is my opinion that this is adequate.

As for the issuing of temporary placards I do not think this can be done as the state law specifically states that you must have a HP plate to be exempt. Any temporary placards only lead to abuses and lending of placards to friends and there is no way to police this or control this practice. It is our experience that any change in this practice should be done legally by the state legislators.

Also all HP ramps at intersections should be located within 20 feet of the corner. This would allow officers to tag vehicles obstructing these ramps without posting signs as the existing state law states you cannot park within 20 feet of an intersection. In areas where the HP ramp is not within the 20 feet of an intersection we will post no parking signs.

These areas when completed will be patrolled and tagged and evaluated for their location as well as safety and usage.

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City of Cambridge Police Department

Office of the Chief of Police

HEADQUARTERS

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5 WESTERN AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139



TELEPHONE
(617) 498-9300

September 19, 1985

Mr. Richard Rossi
Deputy City Manager

Sir:

In receipt of Council Order # 5 - handicapped parking problems, we have in the early part of August received a communication from Ms. Gail Enman, Director of the Commission on Handicapped Persons in which she gave an excellent outline in regards to problems and solutions for parking spaces and other proposed ideas that can assist handicap parking in the City of Cambridge.

As you are aware, we strictly enforce violations of handicapped parking. We have worked closely with the Handicap Commission and will continue to do so. Enclosed you will find a report made by Captain Lange dated August 7th in which he commented on Miss Enman's recommendations.

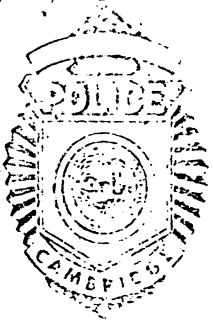
We will be glad to assist Miss Enman in any proposal that she makes to other agencies in the City.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony G. Paolillo".

Anthony G. Paolillo
Chief of Police

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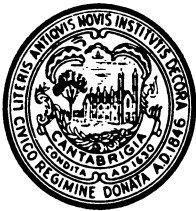
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Chief Anthony G. Paolillo DATE: August 7, 1985
FROM: Captain Alfred F. Lange REFERENCE:
SUBJECT: Attached letter \ Gail M. Enman

The initiator, Gail M. Enman, Director of the Commission on Handicapped Persons, has submitted an excellent treatise on the problems of Handicap parking in the City of Cambridge.

She should follow up on all of her recommendations with the appropriate departments.

Once the ordinances and regulations have been legally approved and posted, the police department will be more than willing to enforce the law.



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ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

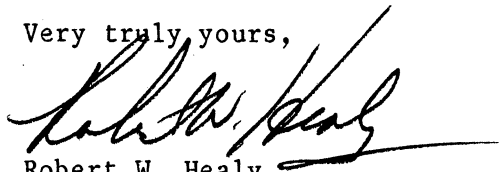
RICHARD C. ROSSI
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

October 28, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 31 relative to handicapped parking problems and proposed solutions, enclosed please find copies of reports from the Community Development, Police and Traffic Departments.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 31
on handicapped parking problems & proposed
solutions.

11/18/85

After Hearing Two
Orders Adopted #18 and #

Gov. Egan, Director, Handicapped
Commission, notified of hearing
11/18/85 - copy within

In City Council,

October 28, 1985

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Referred to Hearing

Nov. 18 at 6:30

pm in Council

Chamber - Motion
of Councilman R. Williams