



City of Cambridge

28.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 30, 1990

COUNCILLOR WALSH

- WHEREAS: The attached copies of correspondence, dated July 17, 1990, from Julie R. Ingelfinger, 3 Gray Gardens West, Cambridge, to the Director of Traffic and Parking and to Her Honor the Mayor, speak for themselves and indicated an out of the ordinary situation which calls for a special effort at prompt resolution; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Director of Traffic and Parking to re-examine personally all of the elements and circumstances involved in this particular case and make every effort to resolve it in a speedy, equitable and fair manner; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager request the Chief of Police to direct added attention to enforcement of speed limits in the area of Garden Street, Huron Avenue and Gray Gardens West; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to this City Council on September 10, 1990 to confirm that both elements of this Order have been completed or in process of completion.

In City Council July 30, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

3 Gray Gardens West
Cambridge, MA 02138

July 17, 1990

Mr. George Teso
Traffic and Parking
Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

Dear Mr. Teso:

As requested, I am returning my Visitors Permit, as well as a xerox of it which my housekeeper, Mrs. Rose Fantasia, made and put in her car, which was already registered in Cambridge and already had a valid parking sticker. I did not know that Mrs. Fantasia was using this xerox. Upon questioning, she was confused and did not realize that the permit was good all over Cambridge. My daughter, who has use of her father's car and is here half of the time has been using that permit. Both Mrs. Fantasia and my daughter got parking tickets, though Mrs. Fantasia's ticket was withdrawn. The City has requested that I return both the original Visitor's Permit and the xerox which Mrs. Fantasia made. I am complying with that request.

I also feel that this constitutes a situation involving harassment of a loyal Cambridge taxpayer and homeowner. Of two cars ticketed, one was already registered in Cambridge, and the other had the actual valid permit. I, the owner of the house, did not xerox the permit. The housekeeper, who had, in fact, paid for her own permit, simply did not understand the permit use and parking process. I did not know of her confusion or of the xeroxed permit. The car with the valid permit is owned by my estranged spouse. My daughter lives with both her father and with me and uses this car, which obviously cannot be registered in two places at once. She had the legitimate permit in her car, and I feel that ticket should be withdrawn. I furthermore feel that I should be given my parking permit back, as other visitors need it when they come to the house.

I certainly observe that there are parking problems in Cambridge. However, it is obvious that Gray Gardens West is a quiet cul-de-sac in which there is no real parking problem. I feel that the present tickets, as well as many others that social guests and biologic family alike have had to pay over the past one to two years constitute, at best, an unpleasant harassment. I should therefore, like to have my permit back forthwith.

Yours truly,

Julie R Ingelfinger
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cc: Alice Wolf, Mayor, City of Cambridge
Cambridge City Council

3 Gray Gardens West
Cambridge, MA 02138
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Mayor Alice Wolf
City Hall
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, MA 02139

~~Alice~~
Dear Mayor Wolf:

I have enclosed a copy of a self-explanatory note I sent to Mr. Teso of Traffic and Parking. It is most frustrating to get parking tickets on a nearly regular basis, and I am protesting this particular situation. I am calling this matter to your attention, as I feel it is a "tempest in a teapot," and, frankly, constitutes harassment. I have been told that unless I surrender my Visitor's Permit, I will be fined \$300, and that I will be subject to "further prosecution."

It was pointed out to me that I have a driveway on Garden Street which my daughter should use. I feel that is no solution because it is so treacherous both to park and to exit from this driveway due to its location near the corner of Huron and Garden where there is a lot of fast and unobservant traffic. When I explained that fact to Ms. Mary Monagle of Traffic and Parking, I was told that she knew this was so, but that that the dangerous, speeding cars on Garden Street were a problem for Enforcement, not Traffic and Parking. Thus, my children and guests are to continue to get tickets; and if we are hit by cars while we are exiting a nearly unusable driveway, that is too bad.

I am writing to point out that the Resident Parking ordinances in Cambridge are quite unfair to many homeowners. (Many of my friends and acquaintances feel the rules are problematic.) My street is a quiet street in which there is no actual parking space problem, and I feel the added aggravation and expense of this whole parking business is most unfortunate. I should like to suggest some action not punitive to Cambridge homeowners be considered.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Order # 28

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Councillor Walsh re: speed limits on
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In City Council,

July 30, 1990

Order adopted