



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
COMMISSION ON HANDICAPPED PERSONS
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April 29, 1986

Alfred Vellucci, City Councillor
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillor Vellucci,

At last night's meeting of the Commission on Handicapped Persons, Commission members discussed the lack of progress in implementing the Resident Tow Zone program that you proposed at the City Council hearing on handicapped parking last November. As of April 24, 1986 the Department of Traffic and Parking had not yet written the regulation that is needed in order to initiate this program, nor had the applications for tow zone signs been reviewed.

Once the regulation itself is filed, thirty days must pass before it becomes effective. The most recent projection from the Department of Traffic and Parking is that the signs will be installed and the regulation in effect by mid- to late-June. In the meantime, however, the handicapped residents of the city, who supported your proposal in November and completed their applications for signs in February, are losing confidence that the city will ever institute this much-needed program.

Since you have been such a long-time supporter of the Commission's work and were personally responsible for sponsoring the Resident Two Zone program, the Commission agreed that you should be informed of the continuing delays associated with its implementation. I receive frequent inquiries about the status of the signs and find it difficult to offer any reasonable explanation for the months that have elapsed since the program was approved by the City Council.

Along with inquiries about the tow zone signs, I am continually reminded of the lack of designated on-street parking city-wide. I have recently completed a set of final recommendations for on-street parking and have submitted it to the Department of Traffic and Parking. The Commission is concerned that the delays associated with the Resident Tow Zone program will be equalled or exceeded in the case of designated on-street parking. We would appreciate any support you can offer to hasten the process of providing adequate designated HP parking city-wide.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this effort.

Sincerely,

Gail Enman, Director
Commission on Handicapped Persons



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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 1986

VICE-MAYOR VELLUCCI

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide the City Council with a status report as to the Resident Tow Zone program which has been requested by the Commission on Handicapped Persons; said report should also include the status of designated City-wide on-street parking spaces as outlined in the attached communication.

In City Council May 5, 1986.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

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Vice-Mayor Vellucci order re: City Manager
to provide the Council with a status report
on the resident tow zone program which has
been requested by the Commisuiou on Handi-
capped Persons.

In City Council,

May 5, 1986

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