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FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

William J. Cremins
Chief

December 19, 1975

Arthur C. Parris, Chairman
Planning Board
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Sir:

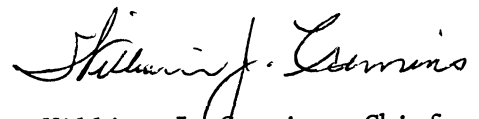
This is in reply to your letter of December 15, 1975 relative to the closing of a section of Brattle Street every Saturday. Although there are some advantageous aspects to this proposal I feel that from the standpoint of fire protection it could create some serious problems.

The closing of this section to motor vehicles would in effect greatly reduce the access of fire apparatus and could in some cases block the access of our equipment. Our experiences with fire lanes in the past has been that when they are needed most, they are blocked by violators, delivery vehicles, etc.

The elimination of the parking of vehicles within a certain area will of necessity increase the parking of vehicles on the fringe of that area which I feel will further contribute to the difficulty of access by fire apparatus.

These are some of the reasons why I harbor some apprehension with this plan.

Very truly yours,


William J. Cremins, Chief
Fire Department

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Comm. from William J. Cremins, Chief, Fire
Dept. Re: effect on firefighting of clos-
ing the Brattle St. area to traffic on Sat-
urdays.

In City Council,

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