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City of Salem

In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-four

An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance relative to October parking prohibitions

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

Section I. Amend Chapter 42, Section 75A Parking prohibitions towing zone (October resident parking) by deleting the first paragraph in its entirety in paragraph A and replacing it with the following:

- A. **Temporary October Resident Permit Parking.** Residents of certain streets shall be granted eligibility for temporary resident permit parking, and certain streets shall be designated as temporary resident permit parking streets, from October 1 to November 1. Eligible residents will be permitted to register their vehicles through an online portal provided by the City. Residents will be required to provide proof of residence and vehicle registration such that their vehicle is identifiable to parking enforcement and police department staff based on said vehicles license plate. One temporary guest permit may be purchased, in accordance with Section 75C, at a cost of \$30.00. Temporary resident permit parking signage will be installed on said streets. Temporary October Resident Permit Parking shall be in effect from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., Monday through Friday, and 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Saturday through Sunday, October 1 to November 1. Temporary October Resident Parking shall occur on the street in existing parking areas and shall not supersede other parking restrictions, including but not limited to, handicap/accessible parking spaces, parking within four (4) feet of a driveway, parking within twenty (20) feet of an intersection, or parking restricted on a certain side of the street.

Section II. Further amend Section 75A by inserting the following sentence at the end of Section B:

“In those instances, each issued permit shall cost \$2.00. “

Section III. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

In City Council April 25, 2024

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses, and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS
CITY CLERK



City of Salem, Massachusetts

Traffic and Parking Commission

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Dominick Pangallo, Mayor

David Kucharsky, Traffic and Parking Director

Notice to the City Council of Traffic and Parking Commission Action

At a meeting of the Salem Traffic and Parking Commission held on November 1, 2023 and attended by:

- Jaime Garmendia, Acting Chair
- Brendan Casey
- Lt. David Tucker
- Jeff Swartz

The Commission took the following action:

- Advisory Recommendation
- Ordinance Change Recommendation
 - Handicap Parking
 - Resident Parking
 - Other Change

Background and notes: On October 18th, 2023, staff presented a recommendation to remove several streets from the traffic ordinance which had been designated for residential permit parking. Staff presented data on a street-by-street basis which identified overall participation in the permit program, estimated on street parking, the existence of off-street parking as well as parking utilization based on aerial photos. Staff recommended the removal in cases where 20% or less of the residents had purchased permits. Commissioners asked for additional information and requested staff present at the next meeting.

On November 1st, 2023, staff reviewed their recommendation providing some additional information. During the time between the two meeting Councilor Varela requested that 20 of the streets identified for removal be submitted to Council to begin the process for review and adoption. The councilor had spoken with several of the residents on these streets and indicated there was consensus that they no longer be designated for resident parking. Staff identified 14 additional streets for removal, Councilor Varela requested that one of the streets, Wilfred Terrace, remain until an ongoing access issue to adjacent land, owned by the Town of Marblehead, is resolved. The Commission voted to recommend removal of 13 streets and maintain Wilfred Terrace for the time being. Following the meeting Councilor Morsillo contacted the Director requesting that Jackson Street be amended to continue designating resident parking along the northerly side of the street from 93-99 Jackson. Councilor Stott requested that Franklin Street maintain its current resident permit designation. The Director included the requests in the submitted ordinance amendment.

During both meetings staff also presented rezoning recommendations and proposed rate changes to both year-round resident and temporary October resident permits. The intent of the proposed rezoning changes is to redraw parking zones to reflect geographic areas and intuitive boundaries. The goal is not to establish zones which cover the entire city but focus on areas where clusters of currently designated streets exist and create opportunities to establish new areas based on feedback the Department has received from Councilors and the public over the last few years. In terms of the rate changes, staff conducted a comparative analysis of six other communities in the Commonwealth to develop the recommended rate changes.

Motion and Vote: *On a motion duly made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Casey, the Traffic and Parking Commission voted to recommend removal of the 13 streets from Section 75 of the Traffic Ordinance and keep Wilfred Terrace for the time being.*

The vote is four (4) in favor, and zero (0) opposed, the motion passes.

Vote: The motion was made by Commissioner Swartz and seconded by Commissioner Casey.

In Favor:

- Jaime Garmendia, Acting Chair
- Brendan Casey
- Lt. David Tucker
- Jeff Swartz

Opposed:

- Jaime Garmendia, Acting Chair
- Brendan Casey
- Lt. David Tucker
- Jeff Swartz

Abstained:

- Jaime Garmendia, Acting Chair
- Brendan Casey
- Lt. David Tucker
- Jeff Swartz



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REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATION

MEMO TO: Lt. David Tucker Police Traffic Division
FROM: Councilor Morsillo DATE: April 23, 2024

In accordance with the Council Rule 32A, I hereby request your recommendation for the following Traffic Ordinance:

NAME OF STREET Various streets that are included in the October Resident parking ordinance.

TYPE OF STREET CHANGE Parking Prohibitions Towing Zone (October Resident parking)

DESCRIPTION OF AREA WHERE CHANGE IS REQUESTED Various streets that are included in the October Resident parking ordinance.

COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS/EXPLANATION The City is transitioning to a license plate – based resident permit parking system, therefore the ordinances regarding resident permit parking must be amended to reflect the new process of obtaining permits.

POLICE TRAFFIC DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

The Police Traffic Division hereby submits the following recommendation for the above request:

XX APPROVAL
DENIAL
TRIAL PERIOD

CHAPTER: 42 SECTION: 75A TITLE: Parking Prohibitions Towing Zone (October Resident parking)

DESCRIPTION: Repeal:

A. Temporary October Resident Permit Parking. Residents of certain streets shall be granted eligibility for temporary resident permit parking, and certain streets shall be designated as temporary resident permit parking streets, from October 1 to November 1. Eligible residents will have a temporary resident parking permit sent to them in the mail and must display the permit following the written instructions included with said permit. One temporary guest pass shall be issued if requested in accordance with Section 75C. Temporary resident permit parking signage will be installed on said streets. Temporary October Resident Permit Parking shall be in effect from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., Monday through Friday, and 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Saturday through Sunday, October 1 to November 1. Temporary October Resident Parking shall occur on the street in existing parking areas and shall not supersede other parking restrictions, including

but not limited to, handicap/accessible parking spaces, parking within four (4) feet of a driveway, parking within twenty (20) feet of an intersection, or parking restricted on a certain side of the street.

Replace with:

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Add, to the end of section B: In those instances, each issued permit shall cost \$2.00.

COMMENTS (IF ANY): _____



POLICE TRAFFIC DIVISION

RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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