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# City of Salem

*In the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four*

## **An Ordinance Relative to Traffic**

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

**Section 1.** Section 75A of Article V-A be amended by repealing the following from Section C:

up to one-hundred and seventy-six (176) parking spaces will be sectioned off on the roof as reserved spaces for these temporary passholders.

And inserting the following

no more than fifty (50) parking spaces will be sectioned off on the roof as reserved spaces for these temporary passholders. Additional spaces may be reserved at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Transportation.

**Section 2.** Section 75A of Article V-A be amended by inserting the following to Section C:

8. 2 Derby Square (Essex St Lofts)

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.

In City Council June 13, 2024

Referred to Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS  
CITY CLERK



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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 April 24, 2024 and attended by:

- Jaime Garmendia, Chair
- Jeff Swartz, Vice Chair
- Lt. David Tucker
- Brendan Casey
- Erin Turowski

The Commission took the following action:

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

**Background and notes:** On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, staff presented a recommendation to reduce the number of permits issued from 176 to 50. Staff indicated that this past October 104 permits were sold but based on enforcement monitoring, which took place throughout the month during multiple times each day, only a maximum of 35 spaces were occupied. In addition to reducing the number of permits, staff had received a request from a few residents to extend the period of the permit to begin in mid-September noting that heavy use of the garage begins then and it is challenging to find a space. The Commission voted to approve the reduction in permits but asked staff to return with more data related to utilization in the garage during the month of September. Staff presented the data during the May 29 Commission meeting. The data identified that although activity was higher in September compared to other months it was still below the activity occurring in October. The Commission did not vote to recommend an extension of rooftop parking at this time.

**Motion and Vote:** *On a motion duly made by Commissioner Casey and seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Traffic and Parking Commission voted to recommend reducing the number of rooftop permits to no more than fifty (50) but suggested more could be distributed at the discretion of the Traffic & Parking Director. The vote is four (3) in favor, and zero (0) opposed, the motion passes.*

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

**In Favor:**

- Jaime Garmendia, Chair
- Jeff Swartz, Vice Chair
- Brendan Casey
- Lt. David Tucker
- Erin Turowski

**Opposed:**

- Jaime Garmendia, Chair
- Jeff Swartz, Vice Chair
- Brendan Casey
- Lt. David Tucker
- Erin Turowski

**Abstained:**

- Jaime Garmendia, Chair
- Jeff Swartz, Vice Chair
- Brendan Casey
- Lt. David Tucker
- Erin Turowski