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SOMERVILLE, MA

September 14, 2022

The Honorable, the City Council
City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Ladies & Gentlemen:

You will find enclosed herewith, a copy of a letter I have this day delivered to the traffic commission. Since the letter is self-explanatory, I will not recap its contents here.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Andrew R. Puglia

158 Powder House Boulevard
Somerville, MA 02144

September 14, 2022

Traffic Commission
130 Holland Street
Somerville, MA 02144

DELIVERED BY-HAND

Re: Professor's Row &
Packard Avenue

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the authority vested in the traffic commission by Chapter 397 of the Acts & Resolves of 1978 (hereinafter "the Act"), I respectfully request that you remove or cause to be removed thirteen signs unlawfully installed by Tufts University and located on Professor's Row, a public street in Somerville, purporting to restrict on-street parking to Tufts employees. (See Exhibits A and A1 annexed hereto.)

Also, I request that you remove the signs you have installed atop the existing resident parking signs located on upper-Packard Avenue, between Powder House Boulevard and Professor's Row, purporting to alter the twenty-four hour enforcement of resident parking and limit it to the hours of 1AM to 8AM, daily. (See Exhibit B annexed hereto.)

Professor's Row is a significant connector street linking Curtis Street to College Avenue. Unlike Latin Way, Sawyer Avenue and Talbot Avenue, all private, Professor's Row is indisputably public, notwithstanding its location in the heart of the Tufts campus. (See Exhibit C annexed hereto.) Any Somerville resident whose motor vehicle displays a valid resident parking permit on its windshield is therefore entitled to park on it, just as they are entitled to park on every other public street in Somerville.

Regarding upper-Packard Avenue, the limitation of the hours during which resident parking is enforced to the hours between 1AM and 8AM, rather than the regular twenty-four hours during which it is enforced on every other public street in Somerville, with limited exceptions most often necessitated by business or public safety needs is, to say the least, most unusual. Indeed, as far as I have been able to discern from a review of your regulations, it is the only Somerville

street with this extraordinary limitation. (See Exhibit D annexed hereto.

From in or about September 2021, when I first noticed the signs on Professor's Row and Packard Avenue, I have taken the opportunity, during my weekday walks, to count the number of vehicles parked on upper-Packard Avenue on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, between 10AM and 4PM. The highest number of vehicles I have observed parked there has been seventy-four; the lowest number has been 52; the average number has been sixty-four. Of these, the highest number with a valid resident parking permit affixed to their windshield has been seven; the lowest number with a valid resident parking permit has been two; the average number with a valid resident parking permit has been five.

The obvious question to ask is: Who benefits from this significant change in the resident parking permit program on upper-Packard Avenue - a program with which every other Somerville resident must comply if they wish to lawfully park on our public streets? The answer is self-evident: It is Tufts faculty, staff, employees, and students who are not Somerville residents and are therefore not entitled to resident parking permits or permit exemptions, who are the direct and substantial beneficiaries.

Both the Professor's Row signs and the restrictions they announce, and the upper-Packard Avenue "special dispensation" from the normal twenty-four hour enforcement of resident parking, have had the demonstrable effect of turning these two, public streets into what can best be described as "private parking lots" for Tufts.

And what is the outer limit of your special treatment of Tufts? Will all or part of College Avenue or Powder House Boulevard or Teele Avenue or Whitfield Road, or any of the many other streets that abut Tufts, one day find themselves treated the same way as Professor's Row and upper-Packard Avenue?

Although it will not change what has occurred since last September, it is worth noting that, the limitation of the hours for the enforcement of resident
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such a proposed regulation would have been - and is - subject to appeal, as provided in Section 3 (b). However, no such regulation is found in the alphabetical arrangement of streets set forth in Schedule D of the traffic commission regulations. (See Exhibit E annexed hereto.) Based upon this, I therefore submit the 1AM - 8AM resident parking limitation on upper-Packard Avenue and the signs that announce it have been and remain - as I suggest should be the case - without force or effect.

Sincerely,

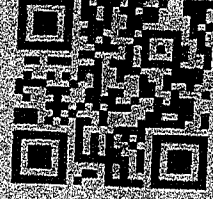
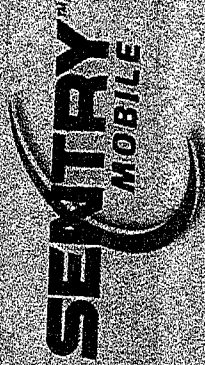
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew R. Puglia', written in a cursive style.

Andrew R. Puglia
158 Powder House Boulevard
Somerville, MA 02144

cc: Mayor Katjana Ballantyne
City Council

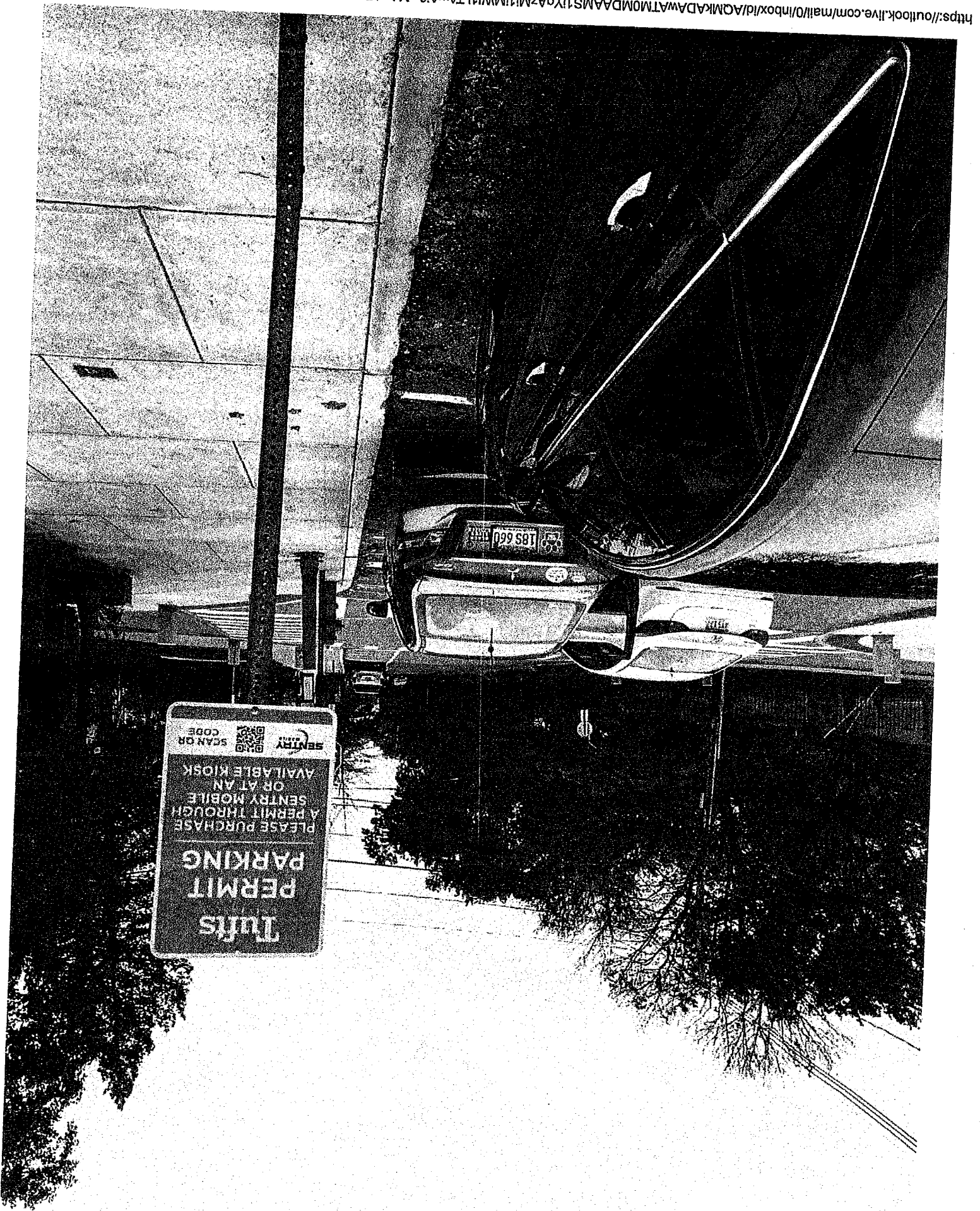
Tufts
UNIVERSITY
**EMPLOYEE
PERMIT
PARKING
ONLY**

**VISITORS & GUEST PARKING
IS NOT ALLOWED**



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CODE**

**VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO TICKET AND
TOW AT THE VEHICLE OWNER'S EXPENSE**



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EXHIBIT B

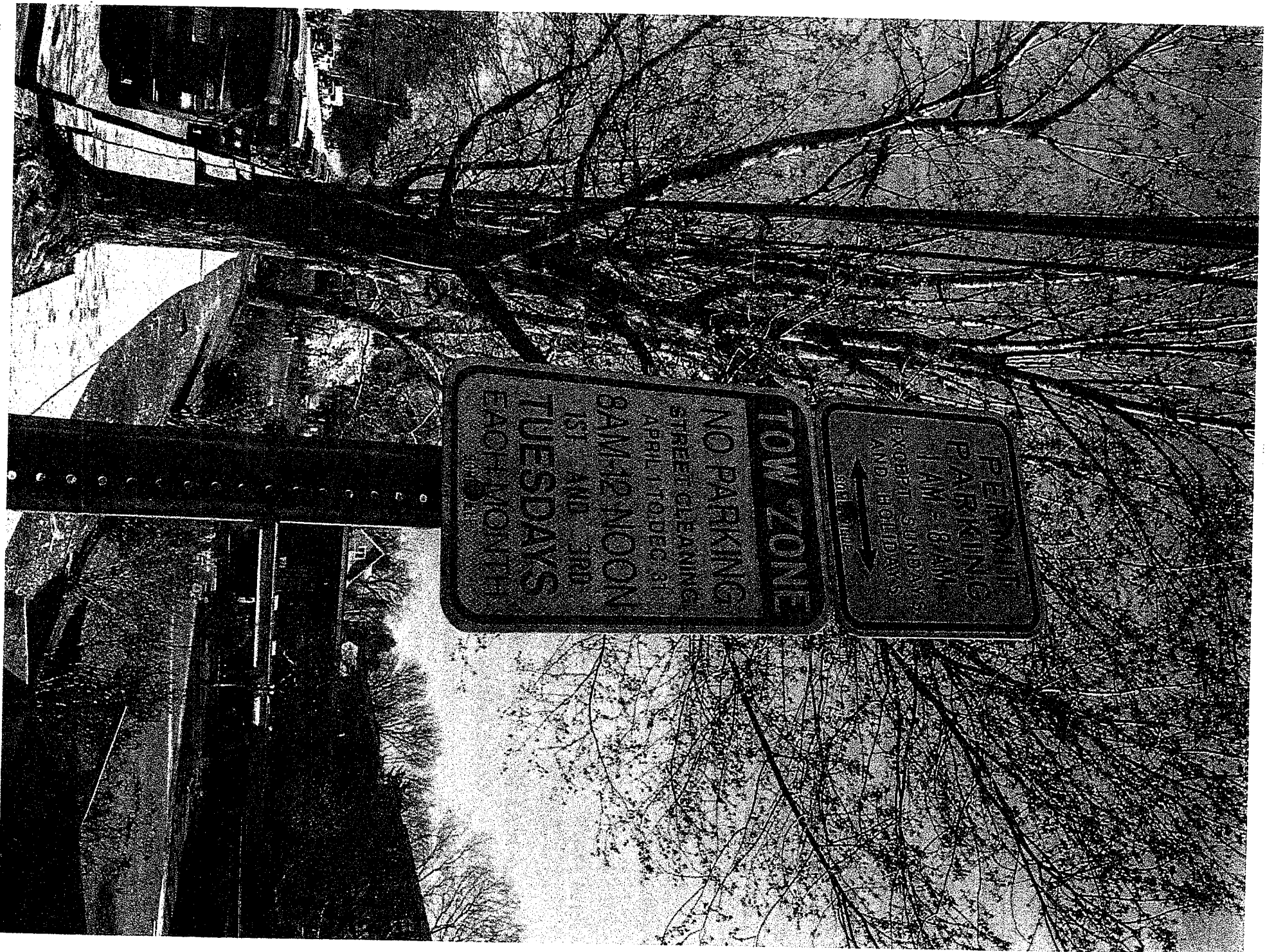


EXHIBIT C

APPENDIX C - CITY STREETS ARTICLE 1. LOCATION, LENGTH AND WIDTH OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STREETS

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Street	From	To	Public or Private	Width (Feet)	Length (Feet)	Notes
Abdell St.	Somerville Ave.	Southwesterly	Private	25	203	
Aberdeen Rd.	Cedar St.	Highland Ave.	Public	40	432	
Acadia Pk.	Somerville Ave.	Northeasterly	Public	40	256	
Adams St.	Broadway	Medford St.	Public	40	907	
Adelaide Rd.	Somerville Ave.	Northeasterly	Private	20	138	
Adrian St.	Marion St.	Joseph St.	Public	40	579	
Albion Ct.	Albion St.	Southeasterly	Private	16	116	
Albion Pl.	Albion St.	Northeasterly	Private	10	166	
Albion St.	Central St.	Cedar St.	Public	40	2,733	
Albion St.	Broadway	Medford line	Private	50	100	
Albion Ter.	Albion St.	Southwesterly	Public	25	100	
Aldersey St.	Walnut St.	Vinal Ave.	Public	40	508	
Aldrich St.	McGrath Hwy.	B. & M. R.R.	Public	40	417	
Alewife Brook Pkwy.	Mystic Valley Pkwy.	Cambridge line	Public	--	4,775	1
Alfred St.	Broadway	Medford line	Private	50	50	
Alfred A. Lombardi Way	Broadway	Mystic Ave.	Public	80 to 210	328	1
Allen Ct.	Park St.	Northwesterly	Private	20	150	
Allen St.	Somerville Ave.	Charlestown St.	Public	25	640	
Alpine St.	Cedar St.	Southeasterly	Public	30	667	
Alpine St.	Alpine St.	Lowell St.	Public	40	688	
Alston St.	Cross St.	McGrath Hwy.	Public	40 to 30	757	
Ames St.	Bartlett St.	Robinson St.	Public	40	580	
Appleton St.	Willow Ave.	Liberty Ave.	Public	40	668	
Arlington St.	Franklin St.	Lincoln St.	Public	40	452	
Arnold Ave.	Porter St.	Southeasterly	Private	15	127	
Arnold Ct.	Beacon St.	Northeasterly	Private	10	115	
Artisan Way	Grand Union Blvd.	Great River Road	Public	40 to 70	778	
Artisan Way	Great River Road	Great River Road	Public	55	130	5
Ash Ave.	Meacham St.	East Albion St.	Public	40	554	
Ash Ave.	East Albion St.	Northeasterly	Private	40	151	
Ashland St.	Summer St.	Sartwell Ave.	Public	30	478	
Assembly Row	Great River Rd.	Foley St.	Public	40 to 65	1,010	
Assembly Row	Foley St.	Revolution Drive	Private	70	375	
Atherton St.	Central St.	Spring St.	Public	40	741	
Auburn Ave.	Cross St.	Northwesterly	Public	30	479	
Austin St.	Broadway	Maine Ter.	Public	40	475	
Autumn St.	Broadway	Bonair St.	Public	20	408	
Avon Pl.	Cross St.	B. & M. R.R.	Private	25	150	

APPENDIX C - CITY STREETS
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Pearl St.	Crescent St.	Mt. Vernon St.	Public	37	341	
Pearl St.	Mt. Vernon St.	Franklin St.	Public	50	957	
Pearl St.	Franklin St.	Cross St.	Public	40	1,065	
Pearl St.	Cross St.	Medford St.	Public	50	2,253	
Pearl St. Pl.	Pearl St.	Northeasterly	Public	20	166	
Pearl Ter.	Pearl St.	Northerly	Private	23	161	
Pearson Ave.	Morrison Ave.	Boston Ave.	Public	45	1,279	
Pearson Rd.	Broadway	Dearborn Rd.	Public	40	1,713	
Pembroke Ct.	Pembroke St.	Southwesterly	Private	25	130	
Pembroke St.	Central St.	Sycamore St.	Public	40	430	
Pennsylvania Ave.	Broadway	Wisconsin Ave.	Public	50	1,112	
Pennsylvania Ave.	Wisconsin Ave.	Cross St.	Public	40	350	
Perkins Pl.	Perkins St.	Northeasterly	Private	20	200	
Perkins St.	Franklin St.	Charlestown line	Public	40	1,328	
Perry St.	Washington St.	Lincoln Pkwy.	Public	40	606	
Peterson Ter.	Porter St.	Olive Ave.	Private	7	155	
Phillips Pl.	Spring St.	Westerly	Private	15	100	
Pinckney Pl.	Pinckney St.	Southeasterly	Private	24	125	
Pinckney St.	Washington St.	Perkins St.	Public	40	1,136	
Pitman St.	Beech St.	Spring St.	Public	30	381	
Pitman St.	Spring St.	Belmont St.	Private	26	390	
Pleasant Ave.	Walnut St.	Vinal Ave.	Public	40	543	
Poplar St.	McGrath Hwy.	Joy St.	Public	52	480	
Porter Ave.	Porter St.	Northwesterly	Private	20	220	
Porter St.	Elm St.	Mountain Ave.	Public	45	1,573	
Porter St.	Mountain Ave.	Highland Ave.	Public	40	415	
Powder House Blvd.	Powder House Sq.	Alewife Brook Pkwy.	Public	80	4,560	4
Powder House Ter.	Kidder Ave.	Liberty Ave.	Public	40	585	
Prentiss St.	Beacon St.	Cambridge line	Private	35	150	
Prescott St.	Summer St.	Highland Ave.	Public	50	1,102	
Preston Rd.	School St.	Summer St.	Public	40	839	
Prichard Ave.	Morrison Ave.	Boston Ave.	Public	40	1,151	
Princeton St.	Alpine St.	Lowell St.	Public	40	648	
Professors Row	College Ave.	Curtis St.	Public	40	2,000	
Properzi Way	Somerville Ave.	B. & M. R.R.	Public	40	540	
Properzi Way	B. & M. R.R.	Hanson St.	Private	40	222	
Properzi Way	Hanson St.	Beacon St.	Public	30	662	
Prospect Hill Ave.	McGrath Hwy.	Munroe St.	Public	40	548	
Prospect Hill Pkwy.	Munroe St.	Stone Ave.	Public	40	400	
Prospect St.	Washington St.	Cambridge line	Public	50	2,020	
Puritan Rd.	Ten Hills Rd.	Shore Drive	Public	40	1,344	
Puritan Rd.	Fellsway	Ten Hills Rd. Ext.	State land	40	83	
Putnam Rd.	Ten Hills Rd.	Shore Drive	Public	40	1,141	

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EXHIBIT D

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

Rescind 2009-21 and replace with the following:

2009-23 Article V Section 5-6 "Permit Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: Residential Permit Parking on all public streets in the City of Somerville Monday through Saturday, 24 hours; all existing 2 Hour Parking 8am to 6pm except by permit will remain in effect. These spaces will be designated Residential Permit Parking Only from 6pm until 8am

PROMULGATED: MAY 21, 2009
ADVERTISED: JUNE 11, 2009
 JUNE 18, 2009
 JUNE 25, 2009
EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2009

JAMES KOTZUBA, ACTING DIRECTOR

EXHIBIT E

Schedule D Parking Location and Prohibitions

Location	Side	From	To	Time/Day Restrictions
Adams Street	North	Medford Street	40 feet east	NPAT
Albion St	North	Centre St	20 feet east	NPHTC
		30 feet east of Cedar St		NPHTC
Albion St	South	28 feet east of Cedar St		NPHTC
		#83		NPHTC
		#112		2Hr 8:30am-6pm
Aldersey St	North	33 feet west of Walnut St		2Hr Parking 8am-2:30am
		#6		NPHTC
				Medical Pick Up/Drop Off 7am-5pm (Mon-Sat)
Alpine Street	South	Cedar Street	65 feet east	NPAT
Assembly SqDr		Foley St, after bus stop	40 ft	Pick Up/Drop Off, Mon-Sat 9am-4pm
Argenziano School		One space at the entrance		NPAT
Austin Street	West	40 feet north of Broadway	Broadway	NPAT
Avon Street	North	Extending 28ft from Central St		NPHTC (2008-20)
Bartlett Street	North	Medford Street	40 feet east	NPAT
	South	Medford Street	25 feet east	NPAT
Barton Street	West	60 feet north of Broadway	Broadway	2 hr limit 8AM-6PM
	East	45 feet north of Broadway	Broadway	NPAT
Bay State Avenue	Both	Broadway	40 feet south	All
Beacon Street	West	Somerville Ave	40 feet south of Roseland Street	All
		80 feet south of Roseland St	145 feet south of Roseland St	All
		#88	#94 (between the driveways)	NPAT
	SW	40 feet SE of Washington St		NPHTC
		31 feet west of Scott St	24 feet east of Scott St	NPHTC
	East	Somerville Ave	180 feet south	All
		Concord Avenue	30 feet east	All
		#147		Seasonal removal of "Two Hour Parking"
	Both			2hr parking except by permit 8am-2:30am and RPP only 2:30am-8am
Belknap Street	West	30 feet north of Broadway	Broadway	All
Bennett Street	Both	Prospect Street	40 feet east	All
Benton Rd	Even side	20 ft from Highland Ave	Ext. 40ft to the first driveway	2Hr Parking 8am-2:30am
	East	Summer St	Ext 40ft	NPHTC

INSERT:
 → Packard Avenue
 between Powder
 House Blvd. and
 Professor's Row

				RPP only 2:30am-8am
Norfolk Street	South	129 feet west of Webster Av	100 feet west	NPAT
Norfolk Street	North	169 feet west of Webster Av	100 feet west	NPAT
North Union Street	East	107 feet north of Mystic Ave	216 feet north	All
	West	185 feet north of Mystic Ave	132 feet north	All
Oliver St	South	20 feet east of Glen St	80 feet east	30 Min School Pick/ Up Drop Off 7am-4pm, Mon-Fri, Sept-June
		No Regulation		
Park Street	East	Somerville Ave	200 feet south	All
		51 feet north of Beacon St		NPHTC
		Railroad Track	Extending 80 ft. towards Somerville Ave	NPAT
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	West	Somerville Avenue	Boston & Maine RR	All
Partridge Avenue	North	Medford Street	45 feet east	All
	South	Medford Street	25 feet east	All
Paulina Street	West	42 feet north of Holland Street	600 feet north	All
Pearl Street	South	Medford Street	Bradley	½ hour limit 8am-6pm 2hr Parking Except by Permit 8am-2:30am and RPP only 2:30am-8am
		#240		
Pennsylvania Ave	West	Broadway	40 feet north	NPAT
Perkins Street	North	28 feet west of Mt. Pleasant St	46 feet east of Mt. Pleasant St.	All
	South	Mt. Pleasant St	26 feet west	All
Poplar St	Both	Entire Length		2 Hr Parking except by permit 8a-2:30a
Powderhouse Blvd	West	30 feet west of Hardan Road	Hardan Road	All
		Curtis Street	53 feet east	All
		160 feet north of Broadway	Broadway	All
	East	Hardan Road	120 feet east	All
		70 feet north of circle	Circle	All
Powderhouse Terrace	North	80 feet northwest of Liberty Avenue	180 feet northwest of Liberty Avenue	All
Prescott Street	East	429 feet south of Highland Avenue	66 feet south	All
	West	438 feet south of Highland Avenue	72 feet south	All
		570 feet south of Highland Avenue	40 feet south	Residential Permit Parking