



Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

City of Newton **In City Council**

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

7:00 PM

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Item Scheduled for Discussion:

- #201-24** **Requesting a policy discussion, review, and possible action related to parking on-street and in municipal lots**
COUNCILORS GROSSMAN, DOWNS AND LAREDO requesting a discussion and review of parking policy related to on-street parking and parking in municipal lots, including possible action on related ordinances and permit programs.
Public Safety & Transportation Held 8-0 on 04/17/24
Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 06/05/24, Councilor Greenberg not voting

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Grossman, Chair

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Program	Options	Obstacles	Opportunities
Permits	Residential Employee Student Temporary Overnight Multi- vs. single family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement • Cost to implement • Administration • Weather • Equity • How much would each permit cost? • Number per household • Is there enough on-street space (Nonantum)? • By neighborhood or street or universal • Need to continue to promote car-light living 	Funds for street or neighborhood improvements
Time limits	2-hour 12-hour/ commuter Anti-Commuter (ie no parking 7-9 am)	Enforcement Need to share with commuters Need for neighborhood parking	Greater turnover, esp for businesses
Street Sweeping Schedule	Weekly Monthly Alternate side	Administration Enforcement May not solve free car storage issues	Clears streets regularly

Odd/Even parking days			
Meters	Kiosks Individual/paired Signs only	Cost/aesthetic of meters Overnight enforcement?	Funds for street improvements
Removing Parking	Fewer spaces	Ongoing already—do we need a new effort? Can increase speeds	Allow bike lanes or parklets for traffic calming Safe bus/fire/trash truck passage
Overnight parking ban--	All year (Brookline, Needham) Winter Partial-create a waiver system for one car if needed (Norwood)	Inconvenient Inequitable Encourages more driveway /curb cuts (impervious surface/safety of pedestrians, tree removal) Removes natural traffic calming of on-street parked cars	Solves many issues now

Possible data to collect: How many units of housing have no parking?

What does a parking violation cost?

Current parking permit programs

Divide tasks: 1 to address o/n winter parking ban hardships (any changes would be overturned with the ballot measure); 2 create a system that would replace the ban if it is overturned.

Tow & hold: if have over \$200 in tickets and over 10 unpaid tickets. But if you pay timely, you can't be towed.

Issue the Winter Parking Ban solves
Long term car storage
Creates incentives to live car-light/free

Ticket costs compared across nearby communities

Violation	Newton	Boston	Brookline	Waltham	Needham	Wellesley
Sidewalk	\$15	\$65	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$15
Blocking snow removal	\$20			\$25	\$20	\$15
Too near fire station	\$15			\$100		
H/C space	\$200	\$120	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$150
Blocking h/c curb cut	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	
Hydrant	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$25	\$25	\$25
Within intersection	\$15			\$50	\$15	\$15
Blocking traffic	\$15			\$25		\$15
Blocking private road/driveway	\$25	\$25		25	\$15	\$15
Over 12" from curb/double parking	\$15	\$35-55		\$25	\$15	\$15/\$20
Safety zone	\$15					
Bus stop	\$15	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	
Cab stand	\$15	\$50		\$25		
Crosswalk	\$25	\$85		\$25	\$20	\$20
Commercial night parking	\$25	\$65 (\$100 if heavy vehicle)				
Restricted area	\$20	\$55-90	\$30	\$25	\$15	
Wrong direction	\$15			\$25	\$15	\$15
Bridge	\$15					
Angle park only	\$15					
Within Service zone	\$15					
Over/winter night parking	\$25		\$30	\$25	\$15	\$15
Meter violation	\$15	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$15
Overtime parking	\$15	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$15
Blue zone	\$35					

Other violations		No permit (res) \$60-100 Street cleaning \$40-90	No permit \$25	Parking over 24 hrs--\$25 Trailer, dumpster, container parking-\$25		Idling >5 min \$15
				Disturbing funerals-\$50		
		Bike Lane \$100 Fire lane	Bike lane \$50	Fire Lane \$50	\$25	Fire Lane \$50
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expired plate \$40 • Fenway o/t \$100 • On/near center island \$40 • Loading zone \$90 • Pedestrian Zone \$100 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EV space - \$50 • Near center strip/island \$50 • Weather emergency -\$50 • Abandoned vehicle \$250 		

Data Questions for Towns

#201-24
Block 06/14/24

1	Do you have a parking permit that allows street parking during the o-n parking ban?
1a	If yes, is there a fee? What is it?
1b	If yes, is there a limit to the number of permits a household can receive?
1c	If yes, do you have a permit application form? (ask for a copy or a link to the form)
2	Do you have a parking permit system?
2a	If yes, is there a fee? What is it?
2b	If yes, is there a limit to the number of permits a household can receive?
2c	If yes, are the parking permits valid within a specific neighborhood or is there one parking permit city-wide?
2d	If yes, do you have a permit application form? (ask for a copy or a link to the form)
3	Are you considering any major changes to your parking system? If yes, please describe the issue.

No O-N Parking Ban

#201-24
Block 06/14/24

Town	Pop.	Land Area	Pop Density	
Somerville	80,407	4.1	19,611.5	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency. On-street parking permit required for all cars. Permit is \$40.
Cambridge	118,214	6.4	18,470.9	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency. On-street parking permit required for all cars.
Everett	50,318	3.4	14,799.4	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency. Parking allowed on odd/even annual alternation. Parking on posted arterial streets prohibited during snow emergency
Malden	65,133	5.0	13,026.6	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency. Parking allowed on odd/even annual alternation. Parking on posted arterial streets prohibited during snow emergency
Lynn	101,241	10.7	9,461.8	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency. On-street parking permit required for all cars. Permit is free.
Medford	58,744	8.1	7,252.3	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency. On-street residential parking permit required for all cars. Permit is \$10. Free for seniors over 65.
Quincy	101,597	16.6	6,120.3	No O-N parking ban. However, a resident parking permit is required to park O-N any time of the year. Permit is free. O-N parking prohibited on specified arterial streets
Salem	44,744	8.3	5,390.8	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency. Resident O-N parking sticker available for specified streets. Cost \$5
Waltham	64,477	12.7	5,061.0	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency
Peabody	54,056	16.2	3,336.8	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency
Framingham	71,875	25.0	2,875.0	No O-N parking ban. Parking allowed on odd/even annual alternation. Parking on posted arterial streets prohibited during snow emergency
Dedham	24,968	10.5	2,377.9	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency. DPW can also prohibit O-N parking on specified arterial streets during prolonged snow emergency.
Wakefield	27,810	19.3	1,440.9	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency
Gloucester	29,959	26.2	1,143.5	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency
Weston	11,645	17.0	685.0	No O-N parking ban except during snow emergency

Winter O-N Parking Ban

#201-24 Block 06/14/24

Town	Pop.	Land Area	Pop Density
Watertown	35,256	4.0	8,836.1
Newton	88,415	17.8	4,956.0
Stoneham	22,854	6.0	3,796.3
Woburn	41,647	12.6	3,297.5
Norwood	31,230	10.5	2,974.3
Reading	25,428	9.9	2,568.5
Natick	36,518	15.1	2,418.4
Methuen	53,455	22.3	2,402.5
Burlington	26,527	11.7	2,261.5
Lexington	33,882	16.4	2,062.2
Billerica	41,619	25.9	1,606.9
Dracut	32,291	20.9	1,545.0
Lynnfield	13,034	9.9	1,319.2
Canton	24,635	18.9	1,303.4
Wenham	4,957	7.6	652.2
Westwood	16,244	28.4	572.0
West Newbury	4,598	13.4	343.1
Newbury	6,766	23.4	289.1

Year Round O-N Parking Ban

#201-24
Block 06/14/24

Town	Pop.	Land Area	Pop Density
Brookline	62,962	6.8	9,327.7
Arlington	46,111	5.2	8,953.6
Melrose	29,357	4.7	6,272.9
Belmont	26,886	4.7	5,781.9
Winchester	22,837	6.0	3,787.2
Wellesley	30,733	10.2	3,013.0
Saugus	28,630	10.8	2,653.4
Needham	32,157	12.3	2,616.5
Milton	28,374	13.0	2,180.9
Hingham	24,189	22.2	1,089.6
Bedford	14,394	13.7	1,050.7