

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

Voting Members Present: Captain Devine, (Police), Margot Schoenfelder, Alternate Resident member; David Koses (DPW) and Isaac Prizant (DPW)

Also Present: Mitchell Fischman, Resident member; Councilors Leary, Gentile and Kelley

Mr. Koses provided a PowerPoint presentation, attached.

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TC24-24      TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER ADRIAN AYALA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, NED CODD, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC ENGINEER ISAAC PRIZANT, COUNCILOR DOWNS, COUNCILOR GREENBERG, AND COUNCILOR LEARY, requesting a discussion and possible action to change the official parking regulations on Nonantum Place, the section of Charlesbank Road between Saint James Street and Centre Street, and potentially Jefferson Street, Russell Road and Maple Street. This discussion is likely to include whether to remove or modify the current parking meter zones on Charlesbank Road and whether to modify the resident-only permit zones on Nonantum Place and Charlesbank Road in some way, with a goal of improving consistency and on-street parking availability to residents of Russell Road, Charlesbank Terrace, Orchard Street, Jefferson Street and other streets in the immediate neighborhood. (Ward 1) [05/31/24 @ 12:18 PM]  
**HELD 5-0 on 09/12/24. Held to continue work on the development of a neighborhood parking district, for further discussion and potential approval at a future Traffic Council meeting.**

**ACTION: APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 951. TPR 951 changes the parking regulations on Charlesbank Road, Jefferson Street, Maple Street, Nonantum Place, and Russell Road. TPR 951 also creates a new Charlesbank Area Parking District which includes Charlesbank Road, Jefferson Street, Nonantum Place, Orchard Street, Russell Road and William Street.**

**This item may be appealed through the close of business November 6, 2024.**

**NOTE:** Mr. Koses stated that at the September Traffic Council meeting, three different options were presented for consideration. There was support for option 3. This option was to create a new Parking District in this neighborhood. Traffic Council members received comments at the September meeting, as well as comments over the years from residents of Jefferson Street and Orchard Street, which informed the Parking District, to be presented. There was support for the idea of requiring a permit to be able to park between 9am and 11am. After 11am, anyone would be able to park. If you live on a street included as part of the Parking District which is very narrow or that doesn't allow parking on either side, residents would be able to get a permit to park on a nearby street or after 11am.

Within the new Charlesbank Area Parking District, in areas where parking is permitted, the new regulation would be a two-hour limit, 8am to 6pm except Saturday, Sundays and Holidays, or by resident permit. The idea is to create consistent regulations across the streets in the neighborhood to better utilize the public way and to provide more opportunities for the different residents to be able to park on the public way. Charlesbank Terrace, a private way, could join the Parking District in the future, if residents were interested, and if every abutting residence is in support of joining the Parking District. The new Parking District would require changing many signs and requiring people to buy permits if they wish to park on their street between 9am and 11am. There are several advantages of the new Parking District, including: a similar set of parking regulation in the area, allowing short-term parking opportunities without the need to have a permit, allowing residents who live on streets like Orchard Street to be able to get a permit to park on a nearby street, and using the public space more efficiently.

Every street currently has a different restriction in this neighborhood, and some residents are not able to park any on any street, in their neighborhood. This Parking District provides equity among the different taxpayers who live within this neighborhood, and also protects the neighborhood from too much commuter or employee parking.

On Russell Road, this proposal does not include restrictions on the west side, but a restriction could be added later, if needed. On Charlesbank Road, six parking meters would be removed, and the 9am-11am parking restriction would be extended into this space.

Residents of Charlesbank Road and Nonantum Place already have resident permits, and, if approved, residents would be still using their resident permits. Other residents would be able to purchase permits at a cost \$25 per year for each permit, along with two free visitor passes. Some residents don't purchase a permit, but instead only receive their two free visitor passes.

The recommendation is to approve this item, to create the Charlesbank Area Parking District. Changes could be made at future Traffic Council meetings, as needed.

One email was received in opposition, on file.

**Public Comment:**

Russell Road A resident stated that Russell Road has limited parking and requested that residents be allowed to park on Charlesbank Road. Mr. Koses answered that after 11am you will not need

a permit to park on Charlesbank Road or Russell Road. If you live on a corner parcel, you could choose which street for your permit.

Drivers have the tendency to park on Russell Road for the entire weekend.

It will be difficult to post signs on the east side of Russell Road. Mr. Koses answered that on the east side there is a utility pole for sign posting. The City's Traffic Superintendent would make the decision on the best place to post the signs.

A resident asked about the timeframe for next steps and when we might expect to see these changes in place. Mr. Koses answered that if the item is approved, it will be necessary to wait until November 6, after the 20 day appeal period. When the new signage is posted, that's the indication for residents to purchase permits and/or receive their free visitor passes at the Police Department. It would not be necessary for residents of Nonantum Place and Charlesbank Road to get a new permit. All permits expire December 31, perhaps residents may choose to wait until 2025 before obtaining their new placards and permits.

Orchard Street A resident asked whether there is an option to start with a lighter touch, opening up permits for everyone, see how it works and, if necessary expand it. Mr. Koses answered that the Orchard Street prohibition is for no parking, any time, both sides. At the last meeting, we discussed a two-hour limit, except by permit. Residents opposed this suggestion. In general, Traffic Council tries the least restrictive options first. If we find that it's not working, it can be tweaked.

A resident stated that with no parking available on Orchard Street, it would be beneficial to park on Charlesbank Road.

Nonantum Place A resident stated that approximately 15 years ago, we had the same problem with commuters even though we had a 2-hour parking prohibition. That prohibition did not work and we went to permit parking. Nonantum Place residents do not have access to the Charlesbank Road, a one-way street. The resident asked whether the area will be patrolled between 9am and 11am. Mr. Koses answered that if you live on Nonantum Place, you get a permit for Nonantum Place, not Charlesbank Road. In general, when streets have the same restrictions, it's easier to enforce.

A resident asked for clarification on no parking 9am to 11am, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Mr. Koses answered that it will be necessary to display the permit between 9am and 11am. After 11am, a permit will not be necessary to park on the street.

A resident asked how tradespeople will be able to park between 9am to 11am. Mr. Koses answered that between 9am and 11am, a resident could give their guest pass for visitors or tradespeople to use temporarily.

A resident stated that they appreciate the consideration on the removal of the six meters. Mr. Koses stated that we are planning to keep the two long-term meters for commuter use. If necessary, we can revisit the use of meter parking.

Mr. Koses briefly described the appeals process.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve. Council members agreed 4-0.

TC9-24        SUE KLINE, 12 Russell Road, Newton Corner, requesting a discussion and a possible change to the parking regulations on Russell Road. (Ward 1) [03/01/24 @ 3:16 PM]  
**HELD 4-1 (Fischman opposed) on 04/11/24. Held to docket a new Traffic Council item intended to broaden the discussion geographically.**  
**HELD 5-0 on 09/12/24**  
**ACTION:        NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0.**

**NOTE:**        Mr. Koses stated that this item was weaved into TC24-24. The recommendation is to vote no action necessary.

Mr. Koses made a motion for no action necessary. Council members agreed 4-0.

TC40-24        ADRIAN AYALA, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to add a parking prohibition on portions of the west side of Jackson Road, in the vicinity of the newly-constructed neckdowns at 150 Jackson Road. (Ward 1) [09/20/24 @ 1:47 pm]  
**ACTION:        APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 952.**  
**This item may be appealed through the close of business November 6, 2024.**

**NOTE:**        Mr. Koses stated that the approved site plan of the new school includes two bump outs to narrow Jackson Road. Previously, there was enough room to allow parking on both sides of Jackson Road. However, with the new bumpouts, it is no longer safe to allow parking on both sides of this section of Jackson Road.

The recommendation is to prohibit parking, all days, west side, from a point 425' south of Pearl Street to a point 50' south of Wiltshire Road.

**Public Comment:**

A resident stated that no parking anytime would affect parking in front of their home. An alternative could be no parking, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm, school days. Mr. Koses answered that the road became too narrow to allow parking on both sides, but parking could occur within the Blue Zones on the east side of Jackson Road, except during school pick-up and drop-off hours.

Mr. Koses made a motion to approve. Council members agreed 4-0.

TC41-24        TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS JOSH MORSE, requesting a trial which will allow for various changes to the parking and circulation on streets near the new Lincoln-Eliot School at 150 Jackson Road and the building at 191 Pearl Street, to be used as a swing space



school. It is expected that various changes will be necessary on nearby neighborhood streets in order to facilitate the opening of these schools, which is currently scheduled for September 2025. Each trial will be examined, and specific docket items will subsequently be prepared, as needed, in order for Traffic Council to vote to make permanent changes to our City Ordinance Chapter 19 (Traffic and Parking Regulations). (Ward 1) [09/20/24 @ 1:47 PM]

**ACTION:** **HELD 4-0. Held for a long-term trial.**

**NOTE:** Mr. Koses stated that a trial is beginning in September 2025, the Lincoln-Elliot School located at 191 Pearl Street, will be moving to 150 Jackson Road. The existing school will be used as a swing space. Horace Mann will be moving to 191 Pearl Street September 2025, at the same time that the new Lincoln-Elliot School is going to open. In September 2025, we'll have two schools, side by side. The existing school will be used as a swing space for one year during the construction of the Horace Mann School.

It is necessary to make temporary accommodations for the six to seven buses, Blue Zones, and staff parking. The Blue Zones currently in place on Pearl Street and Jackson Road that serve the current Lincoln-Elliot School will no longer be used as Blue Zones. It will be necessary to change the Blue Zones and parking regulations on Jackson Road and along a portion of Pearl Street.

Staff does not know all the restrictions that may be necessary at this time, but staff want to be able to approve this trial, to allow DPW to respond to any necessary changes. In the end, when the swing space school at 191 Pearl Street is no longer being used, the trial will end and all regulations will revert to their current restriction (as listed in the TPR). Any permanent changes will need to be docketed and approved by the Traffic Council.

The recommendation is to hold this item for a long-term trial, to make various changes in this neighborhood.

**Public Comment:**

Councilor Leary stated that she supports this trial. It is necessary to be thoughtful about parking with two schools close together. She stated that she recalls that Carr School students were encouraged to take the bus and parents were discouraged from driving to the swing space school.

Mr. Koses made a motion to hold for a long-term trial. Council members agreed 4-0.

TC37-24 COUNCILORS GENTILE, LAREDO, OLIVER, GREENBERG, LEARY, GROSSMAN AND BAKER, requesting the establishment of a Safety Zone on a section of Waverley Avenue near Burr Park. (Wards 1 and 7) [08/02/24 @ 6:39 AM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 953.**  
**This item may be appealed through the close of business November 6, 2024.**

**NOTE:** Mr. Koses stated that Safety Zones are 20 miles per hour, all times. Every municipality in Massachusetts, has the ability to approve Safety Zones on local streets without

MassDOT approval. Every speed limit except School Zones, require MassDOT approval. Safety Zones are not to be used in place of school zones. Safety Zones are intended to be used in certain areas where there are vulnerable road users including parks, senior centers, daycare facilities, schools, and hospitals. It is required a Safety Zone be at least a ¼ mile long with a crosswalk.

The recommendation is to approve a Safety Zone on Waverley Avenue, starting at Tremont Street and ending at Nonantum Street.

Mr. Koses stated that Councilor Baker provided an email in support of this request, on file.

Public Comment:

Councilor Gentile stated that this item was docketed after receiving a request from an Arlington Street resident whose driveway is on Waverley Avenue. The issue is when you're traveling down Waverley Avenue towards Tremont Street, there's an abrupt curve as you get by Burr Park. Drivers are speeding and sometimes misjudge the curve. There've been several accidents over the years. If we could get people to slow down 5 to 10 miles per hour, we would have a much safer stretch of road. He stated that he supports approval of this request.

Councilor Leary stated that she supports this request. The Public Facilities Committee approved a traffic calming measure at the intersection of Franklin and Waverley, at the start of that Safety Zone. It will be an advantage to encourage cars to slow down.

Captain Devine asked about the number of crashes in this location. Mr. Prizant answered that he did not have this information available. Chevron signs were added around the curve which have been damaged or taken out throughout the years, indicating that there has been some recurring crashes. He encouraged everyone to use the 311 app when they observe damaged or knocked down signs. The 311 system allows you to track an item, and it also helps staff to track patterns when signs are knocked down or damaged.

An Arlington Street resident stated that there have been numerous accidents and near misses. He stated that he contacted forty residents, and heard back from sixteen, who all expressed support for this item to be approved. It is necessary to make this area safe for all.

A Waverley Avenue resident stated that she supports this request. The chevron signs are hit by plows and trucks exiting from Burr Park. She suggests relocating them to a different place.

Mr. Koses made a motion to approve. Council members agreed 4-0.

TC34-24      ILIJA JOVANOVIĆ, 131 Farwell Street, requesting to restrict parking on both sides of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road. Note that this petition does not request to change the parking regulations on any other portion of Farwell Street, only to further restrict parking on the east side of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road. (Ward 3)  
[07/10/24 @10:02 AM]

**ACTION:      DENIED 4-0.**

**This item may be appealed through the close of business November 6, 2024.**

**NOTE:** Mr. Jovanov attended tonight's discussion.

Mr. Koses stated that Farwell Street is 20 feet wide. In October 2023, Traffic Council approved a parking prohibition on the south and west side of Farwell Street from a point 170 feet west of Farwell Circle to North Street (southerly intersection) after receiving input from the Fire Department. Fire trucks and school buses have difficulty passing through Farwell Street when parking occurs on both sides.

Mr. Koses stated that usually Traffic Council allows parking on a public way unless there's a strong safety reason to restrict parking. Last year, Traffic Council members felt it important to restrict parking on the west side of the street. It's less important to restrict the parking along a block of the east side of the street. New parking restrictions on the east side would require the addition of new signage and poles. A 20-foot wide street can typically accommodate parking on one side.

This item requests a further parking restriction on the east side of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road.

The recommendation is to deny or approve this request, after public input and discussion.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Jovanov stated that the reason he docketed this item is because on the corner of North Street and Farwell Street, there are many driveways, and people don't generally park there. Without any restriction, people park right in front of 131 and 129 Farwell Street. Oftentimes it's not a car – but a larger vehicle. He stated that when he attempts to exit his driveway, he don't really have the ability to turn right or left due to parked vehicles.

Joseph Road A resident stated that she was opposed to the restriction implemented in October 2023 because she did not see a problem, and she opposes this request because no one parks there. She stated that she does not see a reason to restrict parking all day, every day, when it's very seldom used and will simply force people to find someplace else to park. Occasionally landscapers park who tend to ignore signs. Over the last 14 days, four times a day, approximately at the same time, she stated that she took pictures but rarely observed any vehicles parked along this block of Farwell Street. Furthermore, there are no utility poles along this block to use to post new signs, there are only trees.

North Street A resident stated that he is opposed because it would not leave parking for North Street residents. There is no reason to restrict parking on the east side. He stated that he has never had an issue turning right or left to exit his driveway.

Farwell Street A resident from #129 resident stated that approximately every four days, he has difficulty turning right out of his driveway. He stated that he has to travel through the neighborhood in order to get out, and that this is inconvenient.

Mr. Fischman asked Mr. Jovanov what is the problem on the east side of the street. Mr. Jovanov answered that when cars park there, it makes it difficult to exit his driveway, and there is not

enough room to take a left hand turn. He stated that he has to drive over the curb or take a right turn. Parked cars do not hug the curb - they extend halfway into the street.

Mr. Koses stated that Traffic Council tries the least restrictive options first to allow parking on public streets when it is safe to do so. He also stated that this is not a unique situation – there are often cars that park across the street from driveways all across the City.

Mr. Prizant stated we know how difficult it is to get the correct measurements and language to write the Traffic and Parking Regulations, and that we generally restrict parking along longer stretches of road. He stated that he is opposed to restricting parking along short segments of street across from driveways, where some residents have difficulty pulling out but others do not. He stated that he cannot support this request.

Mr. Fischman asked whether the intersection has any particular issues with accidents or congestion. Mr. Prizant answered no, and that the last round of parking restrictions on Farwell Street addressed those issues. Previously we did hear concerns of school busses and fire trucks struggling to get through. As long as one side is prohibited, the concern has been resolved. It is not necessary to restrict both sides. Mr. Koses added that that there might be a benefit of occasionally having a parked car on the street, to slow cars turning from North Street into the neighborhood.

Mr. Koses briefly described the 20-day appeal period and made a motion to deny this item. Council members agreed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator  
Traffic Council Chair

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 951

October 17, 2024

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 17, 2024:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-211. Charlesbank Area Parking District.**

(a) There shall be a neighborhood parking district established in accordance with the Newton revised ordinance section 19-202 known as the Charlesbank Area parking district, which shall be operated in accordance with the terms of this section.

(b) A vehicle properly displaying a Charlesbank Area parking district permit issued in accordance with this section shall be exempt from the parking restrictions set out in section TPR-176.

(c) The following streets or sections of streets compose the geographic boundary of the

Charlesbank Area parking district:

*Charlesbank Road (St. James Street to Centre Street)*

*Jefferson Street*

*Nonantum Place*

*Russell Road (Newton Corner)*

*Orchard Street*

*William Street (Newton Corner)*

(d) The public streets and private ways listed in Section TPR-211(c) shall have one of the following restrictions in place:

(1) No parking any time.

(2) No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Charlesbank Area Permit.

(3) No restriction.

- (4) Metered parking zone.
- (e) The maximum number of Charlesbank Area parking district permits issued to a resident shall be limited to two (2) per dwelling unit.
- (f) Residents living in housing units on streets or street segments included in section TPR-211(c) which do not allow for parking at any time, or which are on average less than 20 feet in width, may obtain Charlesbank Area parking district permits and visitor permits as provided under this section for another street listed in Section TPR-211(c).
- (g) Regardless of street address or driveway location, residents living in housing units on streets or street segments included in section TPR-211(c) which abut more than one street included in section TPR-211(c) and which allow parking by Charlesbank Area parking permit may choose which of the abutting streets upon which the Charlesbank Area parking permits and/or visitor parking permits shall be valid.

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Maple Street (Newton Corner)*

- (2) Prohibited, south side, from Jefferson Street to Nonantum Road.

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Charlesbank Road  
(entire entry)*

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Charlesbank Road*

- (1) Prohibited, all days, from the Boston City Line to Nonantum Place, north side.
- (2) Prohibited, all days, from Nonantum Place to a point 170 feet west of Nonantum Place, north side.
- (3) Parking meter zone, 12-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from a point 170 feet west of Nonantum Place to a point 210 feet west of Nonantum Place, north side.
- (4) Prohibited, all days, from a point 210 feet west of Nonantum Place to Centre Street, north side.

- (5) Prohibited, all days, from the Boston City Line to a point 50 feet west of St. James Street, south side.
- (6) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit, from a point 50 feet west of St. James Street to the westerly edge line of Nonantum Place, south side.
- (7) Prohibited, all days, from the westerly edge line of Nonantum Place to Centre Street, south side.

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Nonantum Place*  
(entire entry)

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Nonantum Place*

- (1) Prohibited, all days, Jefferson Street to Charlesbank Road, west side.
- (2) Prohibited, all days, Charlesbank Road to a point 40 feet north of Charlesbank Road, east side.
- (3) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit,, from a point 40 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 260 feet north of Charlesbank Road, east side.
- (4) Prohibited, all days, from a point 260 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 425 feet north of Charlesbank Road, east side.
- (5) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit,, from a point 425 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 530 feet north of Charlesbank Road, east side.
- (6) Prohibited, all days, from a point 35 feet south of Jefferson Street to Jefferson Street, east side.

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Jefferson Street*  
(entire entry)

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Jefferson Street*

- (1) Prohibited, all days, from Maple Street to Centre Street, north side.
- (2) Prohibited, all days, from Centre Street to a point 230 feet east of Centre Street, south side.
- (3) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit,, from a point 230 feet east of Centre Street to a point 405 feet east of Centre Street, south side.
- (4) Prohibited, all days, tow zone, from a point 405 feet east of Centre Street to Nonantum Place, south side.
- (5) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit,, from Nonantum Place to Maple Street, south side.

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Russell Road (Newton Corner)*

- (1) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit, east side.

By REMOVING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-202. Resident restricted areas.**, the following:

*Charlesbank Road:* south side from a point 50 feet west of St. James Street to a point 335 feet west of Orchard Street.

*Nonantum Place:*

- (1) East side, from a point 40 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 260 feet north of Charlesbank Road.
- (2) East side, from a point 425 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 530 feet north of Charlesbank Road.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) ALISSA OCASIO GIULIANI  
City Solicitor

(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
City Clerk



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TRAFFIC COUNCIL

October 17, 2024

The Traffic Council voted the following item NO ACTION NECESSARY:

TC9-24      SUE KLINE, 12 Russell Road, Newton Corner, requesting a discussion and a possible change to the parking regulations on Russell Road. (Ward 1)

(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 952

October 17, 2024

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 17, 2024:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

*Jackson Road*

(4) Prohibited, all days, west side, from a point 425' south of Pearl Street to a point 50' south of Wilshire Road.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) ALISSA OCASIO GIULIANI  
City Solicitor

(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 953

October 17, 2024

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 17, 2024:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-150. Safety Zones.**, the following:

Waverley Avenue, from Tremont Street to Nonantum Street.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) ALISSA OCASIO GIULIANI  
City Solicitor

(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
City Clerk

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TRAFFIC COUNCIL

October 17, 2024

The Traffic Council voted the following item DENIED:

TC34-24     ILIJA JOVANOVIĆ, 131 Farwell Street, requesting to restrict parking on both sides of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road. Note that this petition does not request to change the parking regulations on any other portion of Farwell Street, only to further restrict parking on the east side of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road. (Ward 3)

(SGD) CAROL MOORE  
City Clerk

# Traffic Council

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## Agenda

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- ❖ TC34-24 ILIJA JOVANOVIĆ, 131 FARWELL STREET, requesting to restrict parking on both sides of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road. Note that this petition does not request to change the parking regulations on any other portion of Farwell Street, only to further restrict parking on the east side of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road.

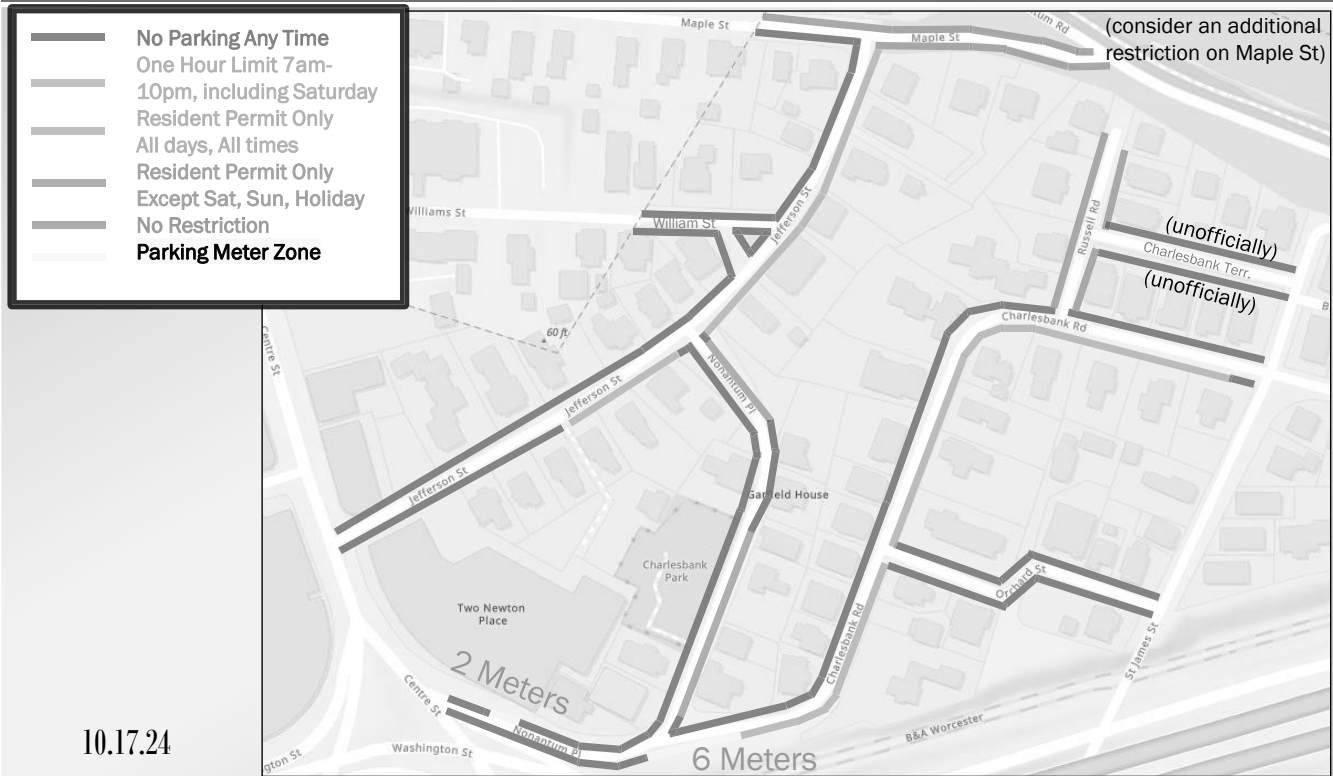
## TC24-24



Request for a discussion and possible change to the parking regulations on Charlesbank Rd, Nonantum Pl, Russell Rd, Maple & Jefferson Streets, & others

# Current Parking Regulations On Neighborhood Streets

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## Background

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- In the Charlesbank/Jefferson/Maple/ Nonantum Place/Orchard/Russell/William area:
  - Each street has a different parking restrictions
  - Some residents cannot park on any street in the neighborhood
- Managed and shared on-street parking is a good thing
  - Allows residents to override the posted restriction
  - Protects the neighborhood from commuter and employee parking
  - Provides equity among residents
  - Slows traffic
- Managed Parking Plans have been implemented across Newton since 2013, including:
  - Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District (2013)
  - Auburndale Village Parking District (2014)
  - Waban Parking District (2015)
  - Newton Highlands Parking District (2019)

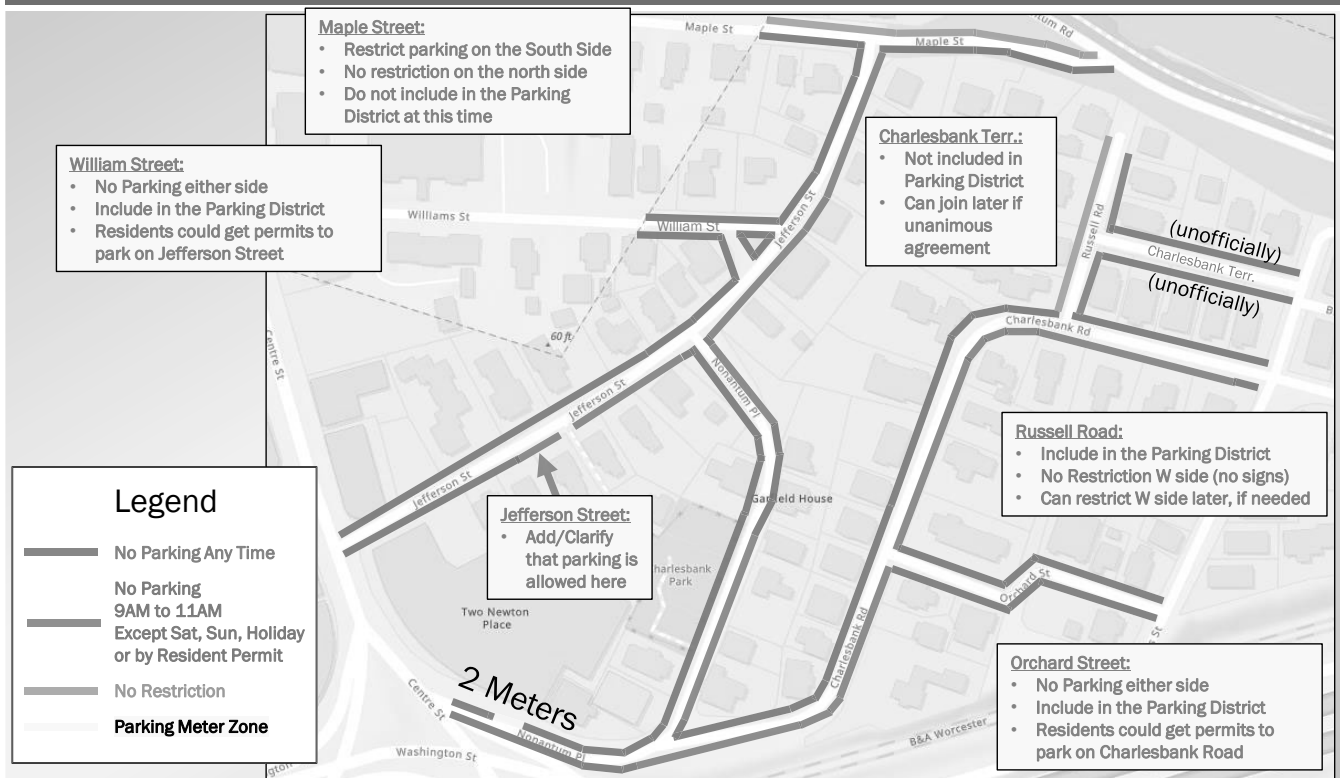
# Background Data: Neighborhood Parking Regulations, Capacity, Occupancy

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	Jefferson Street	Maple Street	Nonantum Place	Charlesbank Road (West of St James)	Russell Road	Orchard Street	Charlesbank Terrace
<b>Parking Regulations</b>	Mix of Prohibited and "1-Hr Limit" (most times)	Prohibited one side; Unrestricted one side	Mix of Prohibited and "Resident Permit Only" zones (at all times)	"Resident Permit Only" zones (at all times)	No Restriction Either Side	No Pkg Either Side	No Ability To Park
<b>Approximate Number of Unmetered Spaces Available (total)</b>	14 for ANY VEHICLE (but only for 1 hour)	10 for ANY VEHICLE (all day)	13 ALL-DAY SPACES but for RESIDENTS of the street only	30 ALL-DAY SPACES but for RESIDENTS of the street only	Appx 8 spots for ANY VEHICLE (all day)	0	0
<b># Parked Vehicles, 5/6/24 @ 10:30AM</b>	4	4	2	10	5	0	0
<b>% Spaces Occupied, 5/6/24 @ 10:30AM</b>	29%	40%	15%	33%	63%	n/a	n/a
<b># Parked Vehicles, 5/6/24 @ 3:30PM</b>	0	5	3	11	5	0	0
<b>% Spaces Occupied, 5/6/24 @ 3:30PM</b>	0%	50%	23%	37%	63%	n/a	n/a
<b># Parked Vehicles, 5/7/24 @ 8:30AM</b>	3	4	5	5	9	0	0
<b>% Spaces Occupied, 5/7/24 @ 8:30AM</b>	21%	40%	38%	17%	113%	n/a	n/a
<b># Parked Vehicles, 5/7/24 @ 12:30PM</b>	4	3	3	6	7	0	0
<b>% Spaces Occupied, 5/7/24 @ 12:30PM</b>	29%	30%	23%	20%	88%	n/a	n/a
<b># Parked Vehicles, 5/7/24 @ 5:00PM</b>	3	3	4	4	7	0	0
<b>% Spaces Occupied, 5/7/24 @ 5:00PM</b>	21%	30%	31%	13%	88%	n/a	n/a
<b>Average Number of Vehicles Observed</b>	2.8	3.8	3.4	7.2	6.6	n/a	n/a
<b>Average Percent of Spaces Utilized</b>	Hard to Utilize? 20%	38%	Underutilized 26%	Underutilized 24%	Overutilized 83%	n/a	n/a

# Proposed Charlesbank Area Parking District and Proposed Parking Regulations

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# Characteristics of Proposed Charlesbank Area Parking District

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- Allows parking opportunities throughout the day, without the need to display a valid parking permit (except 9am-11am)
- Continues to protect Charlesbank Road and Nonantum Place from most commuter and employee parking
- Improves parking conditions on Russell Rd
- Allows neighborhood residents who live on a street with parking prohibited to get a permit to park on a nearby street
  - Orchard Street
  - William Street
  - Charlesbank Terrace
- Remove 6 metered parking spaces and reuses this space for neighborhood parking needs
- Uses available space more efficiently
- Can be revised as needed
- Easy for parking control to enforce
- Resident Permits:
  - Stickers for \$25/year/vehicle
  - 2 free transferable visitor placards per household
- Managed by the Newton Traffic Bureau



# Maple Street Looking toward the Charles River

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Sec. TPR-211. Charlesbank Area Parking District.

(a) There shall be a neighborhood parking district established in accordance with the Newton revised ordinance section 19-202 known as the Charlesbank Area parking district, which shall be operated in accordance with the terms of this section.

(b) A vehicle properly displaying a Charlesbank Area parking district permit issued in accordance with this section shall be exempt from the parking restrictions set out in section TPR-176.

(c) The following streets or sections of streets compose the geographic boundary of the Charlesbank Area parking district:

*Charlesbank Road (St. James Street to Centre Street)*

*Jefferson Street*

*Nonantum Place*

*Russell Road (Newton Corner)*

*Orchard Street*

*William Street (Newton Corner)*

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(d) The public streets and private ways listed in Section TPR-211(c) shall have one of the following restrictions in place:

(1) No parking any time.

(2) No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Charlesbank Area Permit

(3) No restriction

(4) Metered parking zone

(e) The maximum number of Charlesbank Area parking district permits issued to a resident shall be limited to two (2) per dwelling unit.

(f) Residents living in housing units on streets or street segments included in section TPR-211(c) which do not allow for parking at any time, or which are on average less than 20 feet in width, may obtain Charlesbank Area parking district permits and visitor permits as provided under this section for another street listed in Section TPR-211(c).

(g) Regardless of street address or driveway location, residents living in housing units on streets or street segments included in section TPR-211(c) which abut more than one street included in section TPR-211(c) and which allow parking by Charlesbank Area parking permit may choose which of the abutting streets upon which the Charlesbank Area parking permits and/or visitor parking permits shall be valid.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

**Maple Street (Newton Corner)**

(2) Prohibited, south side, from Jefferson Street to Nonantum Road.

By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

**Charlesbank Road**

(entire entry)

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

**Charlesbank Road**

- (1) Prohibited, all days, from the Boston City Line to Nonantum Place, north side.
- (2) Prohibited, all days, from Nonantum Place to a point 170 feet west of Nonantum Place, north side.
- (3) Parking meter zone, 12-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from a point 170 feet west of Nonantum Place to a point 210 feet west of Nonantum Place, north side.
- (4) Prohibited, all days, from a point 210 feet west of Nonantum Place to Centre Street, north side.
- (5) Prohibited, all days, from the Boston City Line to a point 50 feet west of St. James Street, south side.
- (6) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit, from a point 50 feet west of St. James Street to the westerly edge line of Nonantum Place, south side.
- (7) Prohibited, all days, from the westerly edge line of Nonantum Place to to Centre Street, south side.

By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

*Nonantum Place*  
(entire entry)

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

*Nonantum Place*

- (1) Prohibited, all days, Jefferson Street to Charlesbank Road, west side.
- (2) Prohibited, all days, Charlesbank Road to a point 40 feet north of Charlesbank Road, east side.
- (3) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit,, from a point 40 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 260 feet north of Charlesbank Road, east side.
- (4) Prohibited, all days, from a point 260 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 425 feet north of Charlesbank Road, east side.
- (5) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit,, from a point 425 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 530 feet north of Charlesbank Road, east side.
- (6) Prohibited, all days, from a point 35 feet south of Jefferson Street to Jefferson Street, east side.

By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

*Jefferson Street*  
(entire entry)

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

*Jefferson Street*

- (1) Prohibited, all days, from Maple Street to Centre Street, north side.
- (2) Prohibited, all days, from Centre Street to a point 230 feet east of Centre Street, south side.
- (3) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit,, from a point 230 feet east of Centre Street to a point 405 feet east of Centre Street, south side.
- (4) Prohibited, all days, tow zone, from a point 405 feet east of Centre Street to Nonantum Place, south side.
- (5) Prohibited 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit,, from Nonantum Place to Maple Street, south side.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

*Russell Road*

- (1) Prohibited 9:00am to 11:00am, including Saturdays, except by Resident Permit, east side.

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-202. Resident restricted areas., the following:

*Charlesbank Road:* south side from a point 50 feet west of St. James Street to a point 335 feet west of Orchard Street.

*Nonantum Place:*

- (1) East side, from a point 40 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 260 feet north of Charlesbank Road.
- (2) East side, from a point 425 feet north of Charlesbank Road to a point 530 feet north of Charlesbank Road.

**CAN BE APPEALED**  
Appeal Deadline is November 6, 2024

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Request for a discussion and a possible change to the parking regulations on Russell Road

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Recommendation

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# TC40-24

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Request to add a parking prohibition on the west side of Jackson Road in the vicinity of the newly-constructed neckdowns at 150 Jackson Road

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Location Map: Jackson Road  
between Pearl St and Washington St

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**View of Jackson Road & Bumpout  
Looking South at 150 Jackson Driveway**

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**View of Jackson Road & Bumpout  
Further South Near Wilshire Rd**

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# Proposed New Parking Restrictions

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# View of Jackson Road Looking South at 150 Jackson Driveway

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# View of Jackson Road South of Wilshire Road

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# Recommendation and Proposed TPR Language

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Approve docketed item to restrict parking near the new bumpouts.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

### *Jackson Road*

(4) Prohibited, all days, west side, from a point 425' south of Pearl Street to a point 50' south of Wilshire Road.

**CAN BE APPEALED**  
Appeal Deadline is November 6, 2024

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# TC41-24

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Request for a trial to allow for various changes to the parking and circulation on streets near the new LE School at 150 Jackson Rd and the building at 191 Pearl St

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## Location Map: 150 Jackson Road and 191 Pearl Street Vicinity

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### Changes That Are Likely to be Needed:

- New Bus Zone
  - Jackson Rd north of Pearl
- Remove Blue Zone
  - Jackson Rd abutting school
  - Pearl St abutting school
- New Parking Regulations
  - Jackson Rd
  - Pearl St abutting school

### Examples of Changes that May be Needed:

- Parking Regulations on Nearby Streets due to Staff Parking Needs
- Changes to Permit Parking Areas
- Two-Sided Parking vs One-Sided Parking, to ensure access for emergency vehicles
- Circulation, if needed for safety



**HOLD**

Hold for a long-term trial to allow for various changes to the parking and circulation on streets near the new LE School at 150 Jackson Rd and the building at 191 Pearl St.

No permanent changes will be made to the Traffic and Parking Regulations through TC41-24.

Each trial will be examined, and specific docket items will subsequently be prepared, as needed, in order for Traffic Council to vote to make any permanent changes.

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Request for the establishment of a Safety Zone  
on a section of Waverley Avenue near Burr Park

### Background



- MGL c. 90 § 18B allows municipalities to establish Safety Zones at a speed limit of 20 mph.
- Only regulatory speed limit that municipalities can adopt without approval from MassDOT.
- Not to be used in place of School Zones.
- Intended to be used in areas adjacent to a land use where vulnerable road users are likely to be present:
  - Parks and playgrounds
  - Senior citizen housing and centers
  - Hospitals or other medical facilities
  - High schools and higher education centers
  - Daycare facilities
- The minimum length of the Safety Zone should be at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile and it should not extend more than 500' beyond a side street unless an applicable land use continues along the adjacent block.

# Safety Zones in Newton

Safety Zones have been installed at the following locations in Newton:

- Albemarle Rd between Watertown St and Crafts St
- Allen Ave from a point 775' south of Beacon St to a point 330' north of Woodward St
- Beethoven Ave from a point 970' south of Beacon St to a point 385' north of Woodward St
- Brandeis Rd between Adeline Rd and Greenwood St
- Chestnut St from a point 375' north of Pennsylvania Ave to Oak St
- Crafts Street, from Watertown Street to a point 500 feet west of Fessenden Lane
- Dudley Rd between Brookline St and Boylston St
- East Side Parkway
- Ellis St
- Homer St from Commonwealth Ave to Walnut St
- Lincoln St from a point 460' west of Bowdoin St to Walnut St
- Lake Ave from a point 528' south of Beacon St to a point 580 feet north of Rogers St
- Lion Drive between Brandeis Road and Greenwood Street
- Lowell Avenue, from a point 350 feet north of Arden Road to Austin Street.
- Walnut St between Hull Str and Austin St
- Watertown St from Hawthorn St to Faxon St

# Safety Zone on Waverley Avenue Near Burr Park Meets the State Guidance

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Starts and ends at Tremont St

Bigelow  
Middle  
School

Burr  
Park

Appx 1500'  
(1320' = ¼ mile)

Starts and ends at Nonantum St

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# New Safety Zone signage on Waverley Ave Near Tremont Street

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New Safety Zone signage on Waverley Ave  
Near Nonantum Street

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Recommendation  
and Proposed TPR language

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**APPROVE THE REQUEST**

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-150. Safety Zones., the following:  
Waverley Avenue, from Tremont St to Nonantum St

**CAN BE APPEALED**  
Appeal Deadline is November 6, 2024

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# TC34-24

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Request for a parking restriction on both sides of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road

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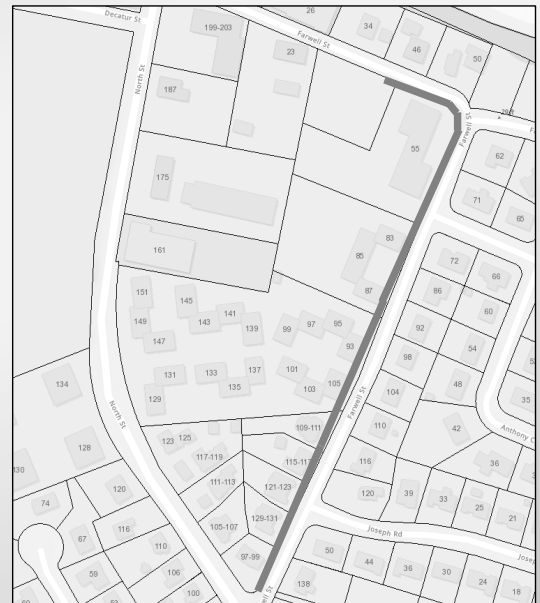
Action Taken by Traffic Council  
At the 10.26.23 Meeting

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**New Parking Regulation Was Approved for Farwell Street on October 26, 2023.**

**Current Restriction is:**

Parking Prohibited, all days, south and west side from a point 170 feet west of Farwell Circle to North Street (southerly intersection).



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# Input from Newton Fire Department

## \*10.26.23 Traffic Council Meeting\*

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### Input from Newton Fire Department

- Engine used in the test is the thinnest.
- In the event of a fire, outriggers stick out an additional 6 feet when deployed.
- Parking on both sides would make deploying outrigger challenging.
- Already extremely tight with parking on both sides.
- Will become even narrower with snow
- Concern about accidental damage
- Recommend parking on one side.

Video Showing NFD Access  
(Farwell NB, between Crafts St & Joseph Rd):



Fire Engine Cannot Get Through

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# Existing Parking Restriction and Request for Additional Restriction

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*Add new restriction on the east side only*



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# View of Farwell Street Looking South toward North Street

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## Recommendation

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Deny

**\*\*Or\*\***

Approve Request

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176.  
Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.,  
the following:

*Farwell Street*

(2) Prohibited, all days, east side, North Street to  
Joseph Road



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