

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday March 14th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
in the third floor conference room
at Gloucester City Hall**

The meeting was opened by Chairman Robert B. Ryan at 6:09 p.m. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Anthony Bertolino (by tele-conference call), City Councilors Steven LeBlanc and Melissa Cox and Janelle Puopolo.

AGENDA

Order #CC2013-012 (Councilor LeBlanc) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Sec. 22-287 entitled “Disabled veteran, handicapped parking” be amended by **ADDING**:

one (1) handicapped parking space in front of Harold Avenue #8

After a discussion and speaking with a representative of the requestor and Councilor LeBlanc, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. The TC noted there are no other handicapped spaces on that street.

Order #CC2013-011 (Councilor Cox) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Sec. 22-287 entitled “Disabled veteran, handicapped parking” be amended by **ADDING**:

one (1) handicapped parking space near Perkins Street #39

After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Cox, who was representing the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. There are no other handicapped spaces close to that address and although there is parking for three vehicles on the property, those spaces are assigned to other residents of the building. The building entry for the requestor is on the street.

The following was TABLED at our last meeting:

Order #CC2013-010 (Councilors Romeo-Theken and LeBlanc) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 “Traffic”, Sec. 22-270.1 “Resident Sticker Parking Only, as amended 4/10/12, be **AMENDED** by **ADDING** the following streets:

“Beach Court for its entire length”, Fort Square for its entire length”, and
“Commercial Street for its entire length excluding areas designated for 30 minute parking under Sec. 22-279”.

*(FEBRUARY MEETING) After a discussion and speaking to Councilors LeBlanc and Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **TABLE** this order so that the Councilors could have adequate time to schedule a neighborhood meeting to discuss this issue with residents. Councilor LeBlanc said that this order came from neighborhood 'fear' of parking issues from the proposed hotel, but is not an immediate concern. Councilor Cox would like to meet with residents (she represents this area) and asked for more time to inform them of the possible drawbacks of residential only parking. The TC mentioned that Beach Court is already under a resident only parking ordinance that runs seasonal (May 1-Sept. 15) and that the residential area of 17-21 Commercial Street is also seasonal resident restricted parking. The TC and Councilors want the Fort Square residents to be aware that if resident only parking is in place, visits from out of town family members will be difficult as parking will be for resident stickers only. Also, possible parking by hotel employees who reside in Gloucester would also not be prohibited in the area. All agreed that there is adequate time to discuss this further before a vote is needed.*

*(MARCH MEETING) After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to approve the **Fort Square** portion of the order. Councilor Romeo-Theken had asked for the parking at the playground to be seasonal restricted to residents while Councilor Cox believes that the playground parking should not be resident only as it is a public playground. She also stated that by not having restrictions, the playground parking could be used by non-resident guests of residents of the area if the area was restricted. The TC felt that the playground parking should be open for all and if it appears people are parking there all day, a 2 hour restriction could be instituted. The TC took **no action** on the requests for **Beach Court and Commercial Street** as these areas already have restrictions in place.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary