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CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE
Ordinances & Administration
Monday, August 5, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Conference Rm. – City Hall
AGENDA

(Items May be taken out of order at the discretion of the Committee)

1. *Continued Business:*

A) CC2013-017 (Verga) Amend GCO Chapter 21, Article IV (Repair of Private Ways) Sections, 21-81 through 21-85 to add specific standards on what the City should require for the level of design, amount of work, and allocation of funds for permanent repairs to private ways (Cont'd from 06/17/13)
(TBC 08/19/13)

2. *CC2013-023 (LeBlanc) Amend GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled Veteran, handicapped parking) re: one space Across from Washington Street #200 near Knowlton Square*
3. *CC2013-024 (Cox) Amend GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled Veteran, handicapped parking) re: one space at the intersection of Church and Proctor Streets nearest to the handicapped entrance of the Universalist Unitarian Church*
4. *CC201-025 (Cox) Amend GCO Sec. 22-270 (Parking Prohibited at All Times) re: Green Street*
5. *CC2013-026 (Cox) Amend GCO Sec. 22-267 (One Way Streets-Generally) re: Fort Square*
6. *CC2013-028 (LeBlanc) Request Traffic Commission to investigate parking of vehicles on Washington Street at the intersection of Derby Street, Stone Court, Grove Street and Centennial Avenue*
7. *CC2013-029 (LeBlanc) Request traffic study regarding tractor trailer trucks turning from Middle Street to Angle Street & whether GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-173 shall be so amended (TBC 09/16/13)*

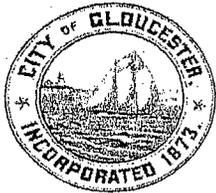
COMMITTEE

Councilor Sefatia Theken, Chair
Councilor Robert Whynott, Vice Chair
Councilor Steve LeBlanc, Jr.

Back-up and Supporting Documentation all on file at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall

CC: Mayor Carolyn Kirk
Jim Duggan
Linda T. Lowe
Suzanne Egan
Tom Daniel
Robert Ryan

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2013
CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

TO BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 19, 2013

ORDER: CC#2013-017
COUNCILLOR: Greg Verga

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 03/26/13
REFERRED TO: O&A & P&D
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21 "Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places", Article IV "Repair of Private Ways", sections 21-81 through 21-85 as amended April 10, 2012, be **AMENDED** to **ADD** specific standards on what the City should require for the level of design, the amount of work, and the allocation of funds for permanent repairs to private streets; and further

ORDERED that this matter shall be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee and the Planning and Development Standing Committee for review and recommendation.

Greg Verga
Ward 5 Councillor

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

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**A meeting was held on Thursday July 25th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
in the third floor Conference Room
at Gloucester City Hall**

The meeting was opened at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Michael Mulcahey, Anthony Bertolino (arrived 6:06) and Robert Francis (arrived 6:21). Present were City Councilors Jackie Hardy, Sefatia Romeo-Theken, Melissa Cox, Paul McGeary and Steven LeBlanc. Also present were residents David Blake (HP space on Knowlton Sq.), Sean Gadbois (Green St.) and Jeffery Amero, Atty. Joel Favazza, Ann Mulcahey, Sandra Demetri, Rona Tyndall, James Lynch, Natalie Lynch and Denise Foley (Fort Sq). Foley asked permission to audio record the meeting and it was granted by the Chair. She also took some photos of the meeting.

AGENDA

Order #CC2013-022 (Councilors Cox & McGeary) Ordered that the CC review the matter of the use of 65 Rogers Street (I4-C2) as a public off-street parking lot and together with the administration, develop a parking lot plan as required by the Code of Ordinances (Sec. 22-288 and sec. 22-190 to 22-197) and to determine the parking meter zone and parking hours under Sec. 22-290 and Sec. 22-216 and further

Ordered that the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Amend Sec. 22-291 (Established off-street parking areas) by DELETING 'six' and ADDING 'eight'

Amend Sec. 22-288 be ADDING 'Rogers Street Parking Lot at #65 Rogers Street' and by ADDING (the description of the parking lot as shown on the plan).

Amend Sec. 22-210 (Definitions) and Sec 22=212 (Parking Meters) and Sec. 22-216 (Hours) as needed, and further

Ordered that this matter shall be referred to the B&F and P&D Committees for review and recommendation on whether there shall be a parking lot and whether the Code of Ordinances shall be so amended and shall be referred to the Traffic Commission on whether 65 Rogers Street shall be an off-street parking lot.

After a discussion, A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (4-0) to APPROVE the creation of a parking lot at 65 Rogers Street. The TC did request that it be on a temporary basis of 5 years. The city has asked for a waiver for that time period. The TC was also interested in seeing any final plan for the lot.

Order #CC2013-023 (Councilor LeBlanc) Ordered that the GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

1 (one) handicapped parking space across from 200 Washington Street near Knowlton Square.

This request has been in front of the TC more than once and has been NOT RECOMMENDED in the past. After speaking to the requestor, it was explained to him that the area he is looking at for a handicapped space seems to be on private property. He was advised to speak to the owner of the property and see if she wishes to have her own sign erected. The owner has given the man permission to park there. No action was taken by the TC and they recommend that the Councilor should withdraw the order as it does not concern city property.

Order #CC2013-024 (Councilor Cox) Ordered that the GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-287 (handicapped parking) be amended by ADDING:

1 (one) handicapped parking space at the intersection of Church & Proctor Street nearest to the handicapped entrance of the Universalist Unitarian Church.

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order (5-0). The HP space should be situated on Pine Street, 20 feet west of the intersection with Church Street, on the southerly side. The TC noted that the space would be open to anyone with a handicapped placard and not solely for the use of the church.

Order #CC2013-025 (Councilor Cox) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-270 (Parking prohibited at all times) be amended by DELETING: Green Street, southwesterly side, beginning at a point 163' from its intersection with Perkins Street, in a northerly direction thence in a northwesterly direction for a distance of 90'; and by ADDING: Parking prohibited at all times Green Street, southwesterly side, beginning at a point 213' from its intersection with Perkins Street, in a northwesterly direction for a distance of 40'

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to NOT RECOMMEND the order (5-0). Resident Sean Gadbois spoke and believes the parking restrictions should stay as they are and not be changed. He believes that it would be a safety issue if they are changed. The TC agreed and recalled that when the restrictions were put in place, it was for safety reasons as well as traffic concerns on the corner.

Order #CC2013-026 (Councilor Cox) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-267 (One-way streets - generally) be amended by DELETING: Fort Square, from that part of Fort Square which is about 300' southeasterly from Commercial Court and proceeding westerly, southerly, easterly and northerly to the end of the street at Commercial Street, which point is about 500' southeasterly of Commercial Court: and be ADDING: Fort Square, at a point beginning at its intersection with Commercial Street on the northerly side in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 500'.

(NOTE: Fort Square where it intersects with Commercial Street on the south side will become TWO-WAY for a distance of 650' and Fort Square where it intersects with Commercial Street on the north side will be ONE-WAY for a distance of 500'.

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to NOT RECOMMEND the order (4-0 vote with member Michael Mulcahey abstaining). Councilor Cox noted that the city encourages industrial development. Atty. Joel Favazza represented property owner Jeffery Amero and said that the area is zoned industrial and if the property is developed, large trucks (tractor trailers) would not be able to exit the property due to the sharp 90 degree left turn on Fort Square. Both Favazza and Amero stated that they are just exploring their options if the property is developed in the future. They want to work with the neighborhood and even suggested that a worker could 'walk' the truck the reverse way to Commercial Street, but can not violate the current one-way ordinance. They were also open to a time restriction on two-way travel for the street. In response to a question by member Larry Ingersoll, Amero explained that due to a tight bottleneck on the property, exit access can not be completed through the property onto Commercial Street. Member Anthony Bertolino stated that two-way travel will 'choke' the area which already has cars parked on one side. All residents present were not in favor of the change. They cited that the road is too narrow, there are children present due to the beach and playground, that most trucks (delivery & rubbish) can travel through making the turn and one spoke to both the police and fire chiefs and they were against the change also. Member Robert Francis (a firefighter) stated that both the ladder truck and pump trucks can currently get through the turn. Ann Mulcahey also stated that trucks currently go through and also noted that the street has no sidewalks. Chairman Robert Ryan noted that state and DPW regulations for a two-way street would not be met if the change is made. The TC understood the problems that are faced with the potential development of the area but can not in good faith recommend the traffic change. Letters opposing the change from resident Jennifer Johnson and Chief Leonard Camponello were read into the record.

Order # CC2013-028 (Councilor LeBlanc) ORDERED that the Traffic Commission be requested to investigate the parking of vehicles between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, on Washington Street, westerly side, from its intersection with Stone Court, 200' in a southerly direction; Washington Street, easterly side, from its intersection with Derby Street in a northerly direction, to the entrance of Oak Grove Cemetery; Washington Street easterly side, from its intersection with Grove Street; Washington Street, westerly side from its intersection with Centennial Avenue and report and make their recommendations to the Ordinances and Administration Committee.

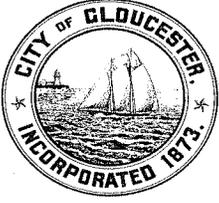
Background: This issue is being revisited because a number of complaints have resulted from residents who reside on the above streets that the parking spaces are being taken up by commuters who are not parking in the commuter parking provided in the MBTA parking lot.

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to TABLE the order. This issue was also discussed at a previous meeting and the first order was withdrawn by the Councilor. The TC believes that a strict NO PARKING order and even a 2 hour limit will adversely affect the neighborhood. The area is multi family and driveways can not handle the current amount of vehicles but there is no separate restriction that can be made for people parking legally on a city street and using the MBTA. The Councilor will speak to the neighborhood concerning their issues as how to work towards an agreeable solution to the problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2013
CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

**ORDER: CC#2013-023
COUNCILLOR: Steven LeBlanc**

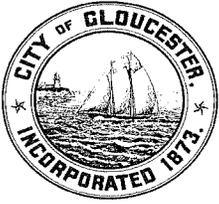
**DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 07/09/13
REFERRED TO: O&A & TC
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:**

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 across from 200 Washington Street near Knowlton Square

ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee and to the Traffic Commission for review and recommendations.

Steve LeBlanc
Ward 3 Councillor



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ORDER: CC#2013-024
COUNCILLOR: Melissa Cox

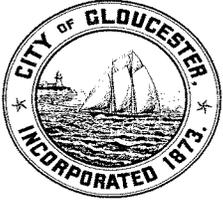
DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 07/09/13
REFERRED TO: O&A & TC
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

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 at the intersection of Church and of Proctor Street nearest to the handicapped entrance of the Universalist Unitarian Church

ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee and to the Traffic Commission for review and recommendations.

Melissa Cox
Ward 2 Councillor



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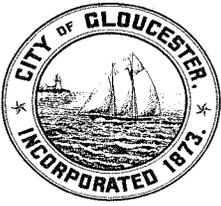
ORDER: CC#2013-025
COUNCILLOR: Melissa Cox

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 07/09/13
REFERRED TO: O&A & TC
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances, Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at All Times", be amended by: **DELETING:** Green Street, southwesterly side, beginning at a point 163' from its intersection with Perkins Street in a northwesterly direction thence in a northwesterly direction for a distance of 90'; and by **ADDING** Parking Prohibited at All Times, Green Street, southwesterly side, beginning at a point 213' from its intersection with Perkins Street in a northwesterly direction for a distance of 40'; and further

ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee and to the Traffic Commission for review and recommendations.

Melissa Cox
Ward 2 Councillor



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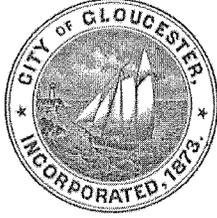
ORDER: CC#2013-026
COUNCILLOR: Melissa Cox

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 07/09/13
REFERRED TO: O&A & TC
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances, Sec. 22-267 "One-Way Streets - Generally" be amended by **DELETING:** Fort Square, from that part of Fort Square which is about 300' southeasterly from Commercial Court and proceeding westerly, southerly, easterly and northerly to the end of the street at Commercial Street, which point is about 500' southeasterly of Commercial Court; and by **ADDING** One-Way Streets - Generally, Fort Square at a point beginning at its intersection with Commercial Street on the northerly side in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 500'. (**Note:** Fort Square where it intersects with Commercial Street on the south side will become **TWO-WAY** for a distance of 650' **AND** Fort Square where it intersects with Commercial Street on the north side will be **ONE-WAY** for a distance of 500'); and further

ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee and to the Traffic Commission for review and recommendations.

Melissa Cox
Ward 2 Councillor



GLOUCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Police
197 Main Street
Gloucester, MA 01930

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Chief Leonard Campanello
(978)281-9775

Memorandum

July 25, 2013

To: Councilor Theken, Chair Ordinances and Administration Subcommittee

From: Chief Leonard Campanello

RE: Council Order 2013-026

Councilor,

As requested, I have reviewed the photographs, language and ordinances associated with the Fort Square/Commercial Street area proposal to make a section of the area a two-way street. I have also visited the site and observed traffic and parking for the area. I cannot recommend that the area be changed to a two way street. There is a dangerous blind spot right in the midst of the proposed area of change, and there is a park in which children in the area use for recreation. Making this area a two way street would exacerbate the public safety concerns related to these two issues. Additionally, I have concerns relating to safe access for emergency vehicles should this become a two way road, particularly with fire apparatus, both also with police vehicles.

Respectfully,

Leonard Campanello
Chief of Police



Office of the Fire Chief
Eric L. Smith
CITY OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT
8 School St.
Gloucester, MA 01930
978-281-9760 office



Memorandum

TO: Councilor Theken

FROM: Chief Smith

RE: CC 2013-026

DATE: 7/26/13

cc: Police Chief Leonard Campanello, Dana C. Jorgensson, Clerk of Committees

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Councilor Theken.

Here is my opinion and finding to your request regarding City Council Order CC 2013-026.

Fort Square, currently a one-way street, has several very tight turns and narrowed areas which are difficult for large fire apparatus to traverse. Making any portion of Fort Square without improvements in width and turn radius at the corners will make this more difficult. Compounding this during the winter months are snow banks encroaching on the roadway and shoulders leaving less room for vehicles to maneuver out of the way of fire apparatus.

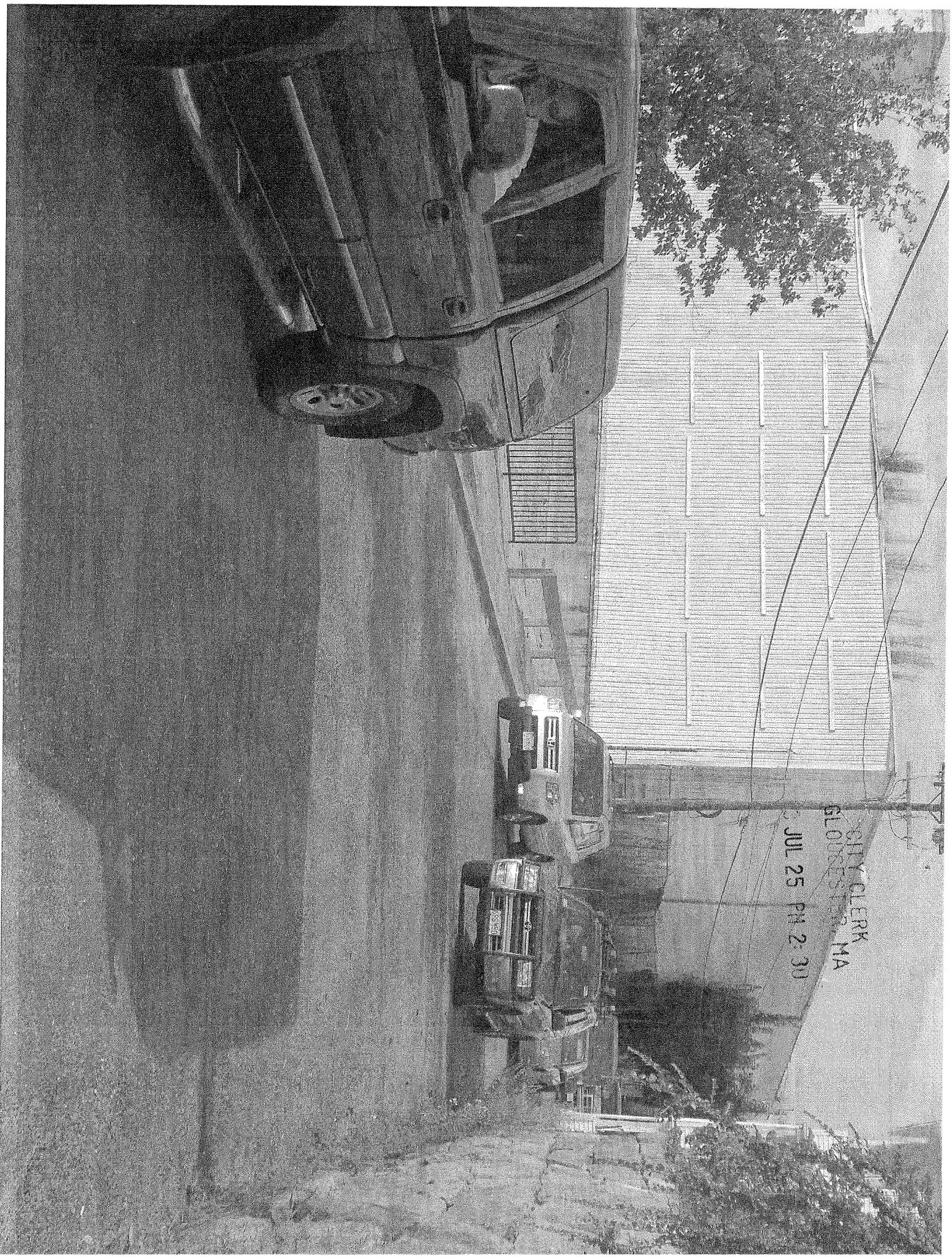
My recommendation regarding this would be to leave Fort Square as one-way traffic along its entire length unless significant improvements are made to allow for improved access by fire apparatus.

Fire Chief Eric L Smith



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FW: Traffic Commission Order #CC2013-026

Linda Lowe

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10:36 AM
To: Dana Jorgensson
Attachments: TC 7-25-13.doc (28 KB) ; ATT00001.htm (233 B)

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fyi, I think this should go in the O&A packet when they get the traffic commis. report. For now you can print it and date stamp it please. thanks,

*Linda Thomas Lowe
Gloucester City Clerk
City Hall
Gloucester, MA 01930
978 281 9720*

From: Jen Johnson [jenins121681@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 10:26 AM
To: robertbruce1947@verizon.net; Sefatia Theken; Melissa Cox; Joe Ciolino; Bruce Tobey; Jackie Hardy; Robert Whynott; Paul McGeary; Steven LeBlanc; Greg Verga
Cc: Linda Lowe
Subject: Traffic Commission Order #CC2013-026

Hello Mr. Ryan, Councillors, and Ms. Lowe,

I am writing in regard to the proposal (Order #CC2013-026 before the traffic commission on July 25) to make a portion of Fort Square a 2 way street.

Unfortunately I am not able to attend the meeting in person because I have a 3 week old baby that I can not leave at this time.

So, I am submitting my thoughts on this matter in writing. I have cc'd Linda Lowe so that it can be submitted for the record.

**On paper making a portion of Fort Sq. a 2 way street sounds ok.
However in reality it just isn't realistic or safe for the following reasons.**

- 1) The Street is too narrow and is not wide enough to safely accommodate 2 cars at the same time.**
- 2) There is no visibility to see oncoming cars around the corner (by 16 Fort Sq.'s rock wall) thus causing increased risk for head on accidents.**

3) In an area already lacking parking, 3-4 parking spaces across from the Fort Sq. entrance of Pavilion beach would have to be eliminated.

It is for the above reasons that I do NOT support Order #CC2013-026 to make a portion of Fort Sq. a 2 way street.

Thank you for your time,

**Jennifer Johnson
26R Fort Square**



CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2013 CITY COUNCIL ORDER

ORDER: CC#2013-028
COUNCILLOR: Steve LeBlanc

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 07/16/13
REFERRED TO: O&A & Traffic Commission
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

ORDERED that the Traffic Commission be requested to investigate the parking of vehicles between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, on Washington Street, westerly side, from its intersection with Stone Court, 200' in a southerly direction; Washington Street, easterly side, from its intersection with Derby Street in a northerly direction, to the entrance of Oak Grove Cemetery; Washington Street easterly side, from its intersection with Grove Street; Washington Street, westerly side from its intersection with Centennial Avenue and report and make their recommendations to the Ordinances and Administration Committee; and further

ORDERED that this matter shall be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee for review and recommendation and to the Traffic Commission on whether the Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 "Traffic" shall be so amended.

Steve LeBlanc
Ward 3 Councillor

Background: This issue is being revisited because a number of complaints have resulted from residents who reside on the above streets that the parking spaces are being taken up by commuters who are not parking in the commuter parking provided in the MBTA parking lot.



CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2013 TO BE CONTINUED TO September 16, 2013
CITY COUNCIL ORDER

ORDER: CC#2013-029
COUNCILLOR: Steve LeBlanc

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 07/23/13
REFERRED TO: O&A & Traffic Commission
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

ORDERED that the Traffic Commission be requested to conduct a traffic study regarding tractor trailer trucks turning from Middle Street onto Angle Street and report and make their recommendations to the Ordinances and Administration Committee; and further

ORDERED that this matter shall be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee for review and recommendation and to the Traffic Commission on whether the Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 "Traffic" Sec. 22-173 "Operation of trucks, trailer trucks and other commercial vehicles" shall be so amended.

Steve LeBlanc
Ward 3 Councillor

Background: Residents on the corner of Middle and Angle Street having had their wrought iron fence knocked down at least twice by trailer trucks taking the corner.