

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday, March 15th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
in the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.**

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll and Michael Mulcahey, City Councilors Paul McGeary and Melissa Cox, and residents Larry Partridge and Bob Wayne (from the Castle View area) and Jay Albert and Mary Ann Boucher (from Davis Street Extension)

AGENDA

Order #CC2012-011 (Councilors Verga & Hardy) Ordered that the O&A and the Traffic Commission review Sec. 22.270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) as to whether recent increased parking in these areas warrants the creation of a 'RESIDENT STICKER', and amend or create a new ordinance accordingly. This sticker would be distinct from the current 'Beach' sticker and further

Ordered that the new 'Resident Sticker' be made available to all residents at cost

Background: Over the past two years, a number of neighborhoods have been made into 'resident only' parking areas. A number of complaints have resulted from longtime residents who feel they should not be forced to purchase a 'beach' sticker just to park near their homes. The creation of a 'Resident' sticker could be made available at a more nominal fee (at cost) which would allow parking in these areas. A traditional 'Beach' sticker would still be required to access parking lots which charge a fee to non-residents.

After a discussion, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the city make available a RESIDENT parking sticker. This sticker would be obtained (at a cost, if any, to be determined by the Council) by residents who do not use the beaches. This would allow them to park on public ways that require resident stickers. These stickers would NOT be good for beach parking. A person purchasing a RESIDENT BEACH sticker would also be allowed to park in these posted resident areas.

To do this, the Council would need to amend the existing ordinance 22-270.1 (Resident Sticker Parking Only) by DELETING: The following parking areas require resident stickers. And by ADDING: The following parking areas require either a RESIDENT BEACH sticker or a RESIDENT PARKING sticker.

Order #CC2012-013 (Councilor McGeary) Ordered that the GCO Section 22-159 (Parking prohibited between certain hours and certain days) be amended by adding a new subsection (3) as follows:

Davis Street Extension beginning at the northwest corner of 3 Davis St. Ext and continuing southeasterly on the southern side for a distance of 75 feet. Between the hours of 8am-9am and 2pm-3pm on school days.

*The TC listened to problems in the area as described by area residents, (busses having problems, cars parking on crosswalks, next to a fire hydrant, blocking driveways,. using resident's driveways, notices to parents sent by the schools being ignored and cars driving over cones placed to restrict parking) and a letter read by resident Mary Ann Boucher. Councilor McGeary also stated that he notified the residents of the area and received a phone call and an e mail (placed into the record) in favor of the proposed change After a discussion, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE the order as requested but with a **change in the distance to 60 feet** from the original 75 feet.*

The residents are very concerned about the possibility of a child being injured with the way the school entrance/exit is now done. Some suggestions were to restrict the Davis Street extension to just teachers, busses and school workers during the morning and afternoon hours. (8-9 am & 2-3 pm). It is hoped that this parking restriction will help somewhat. The area needs to have better police attention and enforcement whenever possible to impress upon the parents the necessity of the safety of the students.

Order #CC2012-014 (Councilor Verga) Ordered that the GCO Section 22-269 (Stop intersections) be amended by ADDING:

Castle View Drive at the intersection of Sea Fox Lane.
(two signs being requested)

After speaking to two residents who requested the order, the TC learned that they were in fact requesting two different streets to have the STOP sign ordinance. After a discussion, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE the order with the following change: (we are not sure if this will require 2 separate orders by the Councilor)

***Ordered that the GCO sec 22-269 (Stop Intersections) be amended by ADDING:
Sea Fox Lane at its intersection with Castle View Drive (sign to be placed at the NE corner of Sea Fox Lane in a northerly direction)***

***Ordered that the GCO sec. 22-269 (Stop Intersections) be amended by ADDING:
Castle View Drive at its intersection with Sea Fox Lane (sign to be placed in the SW corner of Castle View Drive in a southerly direction)***

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, CHAIRMAN

LARRY INGERSOLL, SECRETARY