

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Wednesday July 11, 2012 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 6:02 p.m.
Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Anthony Bertolino,
Michael Mulcahey and resident Sam Decaro**

AGENDA

Order #CC2012-030 (Councilors LeBlanc & Whynott) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

one handicapped parking space in front of #20 Cleveland Street)

(Note:-Original agenda had address wrong, it is correct in these minutes)

After speaking to the requestor and a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (4-0) to APPROVE the order as requested. The sign can be placed in front of the address.

Order #CC2012-035 (Councilor LeBlanc) Ordered that the GCO ch 22 (Traffic & MV's) Sec 22-270 (Parking Prohibited at All Times) be amended by ADDING:

Western Avenue, southerly side, from its intersection with Mansfield Street, for a distance of 50 feet in an easterly direction.

This order was brought up to facilitate larger vehicles that need to enter Mansfield Street. After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (4-0) to APPROVE the recommendation. The TC would like to see the wording changed as follows:

Western Avenue, southerly side, in the westerly direction, from its intersection with Mansfield Street, for a distance of 50 feet in an easterly direction, starting across from the northwest corner of Mansfield Street.

Order #CC2012-036 (Councilor LeBlanc) Ordered that the GCO sec 22 (traffic & MV's) sec 22-274 (Two Hour Parking between certain hours-generally) be amended by ADDING:

Washington Street, westerly side, from its intersection of Stone Court, 200 feet in a southerly direction, between the hours of 6am and 5pm Monday through Friday; AND

Washington Street, easterly side, from its intersection of Derby Street, in a northerly direction, to the entrance of Oak Grove Cemetery, between the hours of 6am and 5pm Monday through Friday.

*After a discussion, this matter was **TABLED** until our next meeting. The TC would have liked to speak to Councilor LeBlanc about this order and the reasoning for the same. Member Ingersoll spoke to several residents of the area and they were against the change. They stated that most of the parking in the area is residents, not users of the train. Even as it is now, there is still parking during the day in the area and by adding a time limit, it will cause a hardship for the residents.*

Order #CC2012-037 (Councilor Verga) Ordered that the GCO sec 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

one handicapped space on the southerly side of Ocean Avenue at a point beginning 200 feet from Flume Road, for a distance of 22 feet, in a westerly direction, in front of #2 Ocean Avenue.

*The requestor was not present so this matter was **TABLED** until our next meeting. Member Ingersoll did speak to an area resident who was not in favor of this order. The question was brought up that why can't the Condo Association make the resident a handicapped space on their property instead of the street.*

Also, the O&A Committee (through Councilor Whynott) have requested the State DOT to allow for 30 minute parking in front of the World War II Memorial at Kent Circle/Western Avenue. They would like the TC to take a look at this area and make a recommendation to O&A.

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (4-0) to NOT RECOMMEND the request. There was a question of how many spaces were being asked for and that these 30 minute zones are not readily enforceable by a busy police department. There was also a concern that if these are granted, other groups who have monuments on Western Avenue may also request these zones.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary