

CITY OF GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

**A meeting was held on Thursday August 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
in the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall**

The meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll and Anthony Bertolino and residents Ann Patten and Donna LeClaire.

AGENDA

The following were TABLED at our last meeting:

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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.

*(July Meeting) 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.*

NOTE: This order has now been withdrawn by Councilor LeBlanc. No action was taken on this matter.

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.

*(July Meeting) 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.*

(August Meeting) After a discussion and speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE the order (Vote was 2-1 with member Ingersoll in the negative). The TC learned that there are 5 people with placards residing in the apartment (condo) complex and two handicapped spaces provided by management on the property. All other spaces are deeded to the resident owners. The TC was told that management "frowns" on moving or switching spaces. The requestor's deeded space is too far from her condo entrance as is the two spaces on the property. Member Ingersoll felt that the area is rural and has no current parking congestion. He felt that if this space is approved, then the other holders of placards in the complex could also request handicapped parking on the street. Also, an area resident he spoke to was against this order as he felt that it was not needed on this street.

Order #CC2012-041 (Councilors Cox & Whynott) Ordered that the GCO Ch. 22 Sec 22-280 (15 Minute Parking) be amended by ADDING:

In front of 242 Main Street on the northerly side of Main Street for a distance of 22 feet, and for the existing parking meter at this location to be changed or adjusted as needed.

*After a discussion, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to **NOT RECOMMEND** the order. The TC felt that if this time restricted space is granted, then the other businesses in the area will also request spaces and that would severely affect the metered parking that all share. Also, the TC still feels that these short time parking restrictions are difficult to enforce by the police department. The TC also noted that the City Council from time to time asks for additional spaces that could be metered while also asking for meters to be removed for various reasons.*

Order #CC2012-044 (Councilor McGeary) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

One handicapped space in front of #2 Harrison Avenue

After a discussion and speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE the order as requested. The sign can be placed in front of the address.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary