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TO:

**TOWN COUNCIL** 

FROM:

MAYOR ROBERT L. HEDLUND

RE:

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS CHAUNCY STREET

DATE:

**JANUARY 16, 2020** 

I submit the following measure to Town Council:

"That the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, § 22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Sections 13-103(b), 13-103(e), and 13-104(d), authorize the placement of signs regulating motor vehicle movement as follows:

Parking Restricted				
Street Side		Location	Regulation Type	
Chauncy Street	Northeast	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way	Angle Parking	
Chauncy Street	Southwest	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way	No Parking Any Time	

One-Way Street		
Street	Location	Direction
Chauncy Street	Between Pleasant Street and Camelot	Southeast bound
	Way	2

and cause the above regulations to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1 – Appendix A under, Schedule III, Parking Restricted, and under a new heading, Schedule XIII, One Way Streets"

A report from the Traffic Engineer and the Police Department on this subject is attached.

This measure requires a Legal Notice and Public Hearing.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Town Council

FROM: Owen MacDonald, Traffic Engineer, Sgt. Brendan Fogarty, WPD

COPY: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff, Bob Luongo, Planning Director

DATE: December 31, 2019

SUBJECT: Chauncy Street, Columbian Square, Traffic Safety

**Purpose:** A plan for significant Columbian Square improvements has been prepared by the Town's design consultant, and has received widespread acceptance. At this time, funding is not available to implement the full plan.

The crosswalks to and from the south (Oldens) and west (Oasis) corners of the Pleasant/ Columbian/ Union Streets intersection are long and visually obstructed by parked vehicles, resulting in a safety deficiency. The final plan for Columbian Square improvements addresses this by widening the sidewalks and removing parking at the corners. Since the loss of parking spaces could be detrimental to the businesses, additional on street parking spaces have been proposed at locations where they will not impact pedestrian safety. One of these locations is Chauncy Street, where angle parking is proposed between Pleasant Street and Camelot Drive. Since Chauncy Street is relatively narrow, angle parking on the street would require one-way traffic operation.

Implementation of angle parking and one-way operation on Chauncy Street could be done quickly at relatively low cost, and would enable interim widening of the south and west corners of the Pleasant/ Columbian/ Union Streets intersection to partially address the pedestrian safety issue.

## Recommendations:

- Implement angle parking on the northeast side of Chauncy Street between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way
- Prohibit parking on the southeast side of Chauncy Street between Pleasant Street and Camelot Way
- Implement one-way traffic operation on Chauncy Street in the southeast bound direction from Pleasant Street to Camelot Way.

### Parking Spaces:

• Chauncy Street:

- o Current: 21 o Proposed: 30
- Lost at Pleasant/ Columbian/ Union Streets intersection for pedestrian improvements: 7

## **Chauncy Street Characteristics**

- Traveled way width: Generally 31 feet to 34 feet; widens to 40 feet near Pleasant Street intersection.
- Angle parking space depth: 18 feet perpendicular to curb
- Minimum clear street width: 13 feet; this would restrict Chauncy Street to one-way operation.
- Columbian Square merchants indicated a preference for one-way direction from Pleasant Street to Camelot way to better serve parking motorists approaching from Pleasant Street.
- Chauncy Street vehicular traffic currently going toward Pleasant Street would split between Union and Central Streets.

Sgt. Brendan Fogarty

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