



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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MAYOR

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July 13, 2023

Commissioner Jill Lathan
City of Somerville
Traffic Commission

Re: Central Road fire lanes

Dear Commissioner Lathan,

I was recently asked to investigate the fire lanes on Central Road due to an inquiry from a resident to the Parking Department. There are currently three (3) approved fire lanes on record for this street.

Fire lane 1 is located on the north side of Central Road starting at a point 146 feet east of Central Street and runs for 19 feet in an easterly direction to the corner. This fire lane is accurate, properly signed and should remain unchanged.

Fire lane 2 is in front of 16 Central Road and runs from the corner for a distance of 60 feet in a northerly direction. I am proposing that this fire lane be shortened to a length of 47 feet and the current sign (which is hidden by a tree and has confusing double arrows) be relocated from its existing location to the new proposed end point of this fire lane (photo attached).

Fire lane 3 according to records is located on the south side of Central Road in front of #15 and runs 16 feet in an easterly direction. This fire lane does not currently exist and is not necessary. I am proposing to eliminate this fire lane and replace it with one that is currently in place but apparently has not been legally accepted. The new fire lane needing adoption is located on the south side of Central Road and runs from the corner at #35 for a distance of twenty (20) feet in an easterly direction. There is already signage in place.

I am submitting this proposal in the interest of public safety. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJ Breen Jr.', with a stylized, flowing script.

Charles J. Breen Jr.
Chief Engineer