



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

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CHIEF ENGINEER

November 2, 2025

Commissioner Jill Lathan
City of Somerville
Traffic Commission

Re: Lake Street fire lanes

Dear Commissioner Lathan,

I respectfully request that two fire lanes be established on Lake Street. Both fire lanes will be located on the even side of the street and will run from the corners of Olive Square and extend for a distance of twenty (20) feet in both an easterly and westerly direction. The request for these fire lanes is in response to repeated complaints regarding vehicles parked on both corners preventing fire apparatus from accessing this street from Lake Street. Olive Square provides emergency access to several dwellings on Olive Square, the rear of the commercial property at 285 Washington Street and several townhouses that carry Lake Street rear addresses.

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

Respectfully,

Charles J. Breen Jr.
Chief Engineer