



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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MAYOR

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Commissioner Eric Weisman
City of Somerville
Traffic Commission

Re: Hooker Avenue Avenue fire lane

Dear Commissioner Weisman,

I respectfully request that two fire lanes be established on Hooker Avenue near the intersection of Endicott Avenue. It has come to my attention that vehicles are parking in front of the emergency access gate located at the dead end portion of Hooker Avenue preventing access for emergency vehicles. The purpose of these fire lanes will be to keep this gate clear to be used for emergency access. The first fire lane will run in a southerly direction on the odd side of Hooker Avenue twenty-nine (29) feet from Endicott Avenue to the dead end at the chain link fence, The second fire lane shall run the width of the dead end of Hooker Avenue from curb to curb for a length of twenty-six (26) feet. The signage for this should say "NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS – FIRE LANE. DO NOT BLOCK GATE". The existing parking spaces in front of 34-36 Hooker Avenue may remain.

There is an existing fire lane recorded at this location that should be deleted and replaced by these two.

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





