



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL

EMILY HARDT
WARD SEVEN CITY COUNCILOR

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Dear Members of the Somerville Traffic Commission,

I am respectfully submitting this request for your consideration on behalf of a group of small business owners in Teele Square, including the owners of Buzzin Bean Café, Angelina's Pizzeria, PJ Ryan's, The Hollows and Somerville's Credit Union.

There are currently six dedicated loading zone spots on Holland Street heading into Teele Square. Given the infrequent deliveries that these businesses receive, and the importance of lunch-time business for most of these establishments, they would like to reduce these spots by three, from six to three. This proposal would leave three dedicated loading zone spots (and one accessible spot) near the businesses but change the three current loading zone spots farthest from the businesses to regular metered parking. The requested changes are detailed in the attached chart.

A separate request is to change the Loading Zone spots (if they remain as six or are reduced to three) from being enforced Mon-Sat to Mon-Fri. This would allow for more customer parking on Saturdays, when there are no scheduled deliveries.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to reach out to me for additional information.

Sincerely,

Emily Hardt

Summary table of requested changes:

Meter	Current use	Proposed use	Proposed change
A31	Metered Parking	Metered Parking	none
A32	Metered Parking	Metered Parking	none
A33	Metered Parking	Metered Parking	none
A34	Metered Parking	Metered Parking	none
A35	Loading Zone	Metered Parking	remove loading zone
A36	Loading Zone	Metered Parking	remove loading zone
A37	Loading Zone	Metered Parking	remove loading zone
	Accessible	Accessible	none
A38	Loading Zone	Loading Zone	none
A39	Loading Zone	Loading Zone	none
A40	Loading Zone	Loading Zone	none
A41	Metered Parking	Metered Parking	none
A42	Metered Parking	Metered Parking	none