

AREA OF COMPLAINT

Traffic Eng

DATE 12/18/75

NAME Robert Roe

ADDRESS 7623 S.E. Evergreen

PHONE 774-7130

CONTACT BY: ☒ phone ☐ letter ☐ person

He is an out patient at the

U.A. hospital. He is on social security.

He parked on 4th between Oak + Pine  
on the right side of the street. The space is near the  
4th and Pine opening to the parking garage. There is a spot that

you have to back into and then

park. He put money in the meter.

There was a tow away zone between  
7:00 - 9:00. His car was towed. He called the police and P.P.  
He had no money and

no one would even give him

A ride. He said that one of the  
signs had been pulled down. He

got a ticket \$35.50 for the whole

shot. His claim is that one of

signs was gone. Doug gave it

to Nick at ~~Parking~~ Traffic Eng. He

is very upset. He doesn't feel

that he was treated right. The  
MAW is dying of a bone disease.

He wanted someone to take a look  
just to see if he is right.

I called Nick 12/18/75 at Traffic Eng  
he took care of it. The sign was  
gone and he is going to write  
a letter to the court.

Roe called 12/30/75 - He was upset  
because he had to come down town  
to get the money for the towing from  
the court. He was still upset because  
no one would help him that day.

He wants a letter saying we're  
sorry!

<sup>12/30/75</sup>  
Susan - write one and she will  
show it to Weil.

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Susan Herr  
Mayor's Office

CITY OF PORTLAND  
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
(NOT FOR MAILING)

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DEC 31 1975

MAYOR'S OFFICE

From Bureau of Traffic Engineering

To District Court Administrator

Re: Wesley D. Carter

Cit. = E028941, License = 9M 1385

Date of issue 12/18/75, Date complaint received 12/18/75

Complaint: SIGN FACING S/W MISSING - ALL  
OTHER METERS HAVE DOUBLE-FACED SIGNS.

Notes: TOW AWAY SIGNS ARE MISSING.  
METER # (E040260) SW 4<sup>TH</sup> AVE & OAK ST.

Complainant name: ROBERT W. ROE

Address: 7623 SE EVERGREEN ST 97206

Phone: 774-7130

We have advised complainant that a report would be sent from this office to the District Court and they should contact the Parking Tag Division after three days for further information.

Thomas F. James  
Assistant Traffic Engineer

TJG:apj

Terry

January 5, 1976

Robert Roe  
7623 S. E. Evergreen  
Portland, OR

Dear Mr. Roe:

Terry Scannell, of my staff, has informed me that your car was towed away on December 18, 1975. As I understand it, on that afternoon at around 4:30 you called my office and gave Mr. Scannell the information regarding this incident. At that time, you informed him that a sign had been pulled down and for this reason you were not aware that the area was a tow-away zone. Mr. Scannell called the Bureau of Traffic Engineering and talked with Nick Nozaki who went out to the area and saw that, in fact, the sign was missing. Mr. Nozaki then composed a letter to the District Court informing them of the situation and asking them if they would be so kind as to cancel your ticket due to the fact that a sign had been missing. As I understand it, District Court has made arrangements for you to be reimbursed for your towing charges, ~~as well~~.

I am sorry if this caused you some inconvenience, but we can't be right all the time. When we are not right, we have the obligation to admit that we have made a mistake and correct it.

If my office can be of further assistance to you on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

NG:tsc

AREA OF COMPLAINT

Traffic Eng

DATE 10/29/75

NAME

Gary Harrison

ADDRESS

401 W Burnside

PHONE

238-1616

CONTACT BY:

x phone letter person

(I) Mr Harrison complained about all parking meters on his Block were two hour meters, he is a lock smith.

(II) he claimed he was losing \$65-70 dollars a day because of congestion in the area and he wanted a 15min-30min to meter.

(III) Nicky NOZAKI changed one of the two hr meters to 30mins so the issue is resolved. This was done for his customer to have a parking space for quick service, but it benefits the entire area.

AREA OF COMPLAINT Traf. Eng. DATE 9/25/75  
NAME John Blakemore ADDRESS Vice-president, Rosenblatts.  
PHONE 226-4701 CONTACT BY: ☒ phone ☐ letter ☐ person

Rosenblatts - 6<sup>th</sup> + Alder -

1. Company car was given ticket in loading  
Zone - "Hood on TLE"  
Hood was obscured by sign -  
west side of SW 6<sup>th</sup> -

1A. Poor attitude by officer - store manager went  
to talk to parking patrol officer, she was brusque, wouldn't  
explain.

2. <sup>no</sup> Delivery zone - due to mall construction.

3. Cars are being towed from SW 6<sup>th</sup> - because  
of hooded meters, but "they" claim the hoods  
are being put on after the tickets.

Wants advance notice on changes affecting his  
Store -

Told him I'd call him back -

4295 - Traf. Eng. - who is handling complaints on Transit Mall  
Construction - Dick Spear ~~sent~~ to the Director

Spear is sending someone out to see Blakemore, Gregg  
called Blakemore back -

AREA OF COMPLAINT

Traffic Eng

DATE

9/25/75

NAME

Bob Peterson

ADDRESS

(225-7776<sup>e</sup>)

PHONE

CONTACT BY:

X

phone

letter

person

This man called and said he was with the government's office. He was rude. Said he had gotten a parking ticket on 12th + Burnside near the Majestic Hotel this morning. He claims that the meter was broken.

Put \$25 in at 8:01 got ticket at 8:41 He says the \$25 should be good for one hour.

Wanted to know if we have anyone who checks meters. Yes, we do, He doesn't work for Strub. U of O Health Service called, not the same one. Probably doesn't work for state.

Engeneering



AREA OF COMPLAINT

~~Wayne~~ Traffic

DATE 7/14/75

NAME Wayne Stold

ADDRESS 3820 NE. HANCOCK

PHONE

CONTACT BY: phone letter ☒ person



~~two~~ two hv. park

Cliff Knudson Traffic Eng  
4437

Title #16 Verbal parking Code

Parking Citation No B049930  
Lic Nos ADZ-152

Dist. Court Dismissed June 7, 1974

~~Wants to talk~~

Called: Traffic Patrol he is violating code.  
Called Dist. Ct. They said his letter is not  
A precedent and he has to write everytime

July 16, 1975

Mr. Wayne Stoll  
3820 N. E. Hancock  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Stoll:

I have checked on your problem of parking on the concrete pad in front of your house located at 3820 N. E. Hancock. I called the Parking Patrol and was told that it was, in fact, a violation to park on the parking strip, whether it is paved or not. I also called the District Court and was told that you would have to appear everytime you received a citation. The dismissal of your parking citation does not set a precedent for future citations.

There seems to be some reason behind the law. I have researched the matter and found the reasons for the code are twofold. One, if people parked on the parking strip it would tear up the grass and greenery. The second reason is that if parking was allowed on both the street and the parking strip, motorists parked on the "strip" would be blocked from the street. Cars parked on the parking strip also block the motorists' view of pedestrians.

Unfortunately, some of the above reasons do not fit your specific case. But, for the City to make an exception in your case would leave us open to the charge of "selective enforcement." I checked the parking code for the City and found that there is a special permit available for people who run delivery services. But, not even this permit would allow you to park on the parking strip.

Another concern you mentioned was the fact that enforcement has started only this year. Duff Knudson of Traffic Engineering informed me the reason for this is that the Parking Patrol has just started to patrol your neighborhood this year.

Thank you for voicing your concern on this matter, but it seems that it is a violation of the Code.

Sincerely,

Terry Scannell

TS:pn

August 4, 1976

*Traf Eng* ✓  
*card*  
*3-24-75*

Susan Kerr

Don Bergstrom

Bureau of Traffic Engineering

Citizen Complaint: Mrs. John O. Robson  
2920 S. E. 55th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97206

The attached file concerns Mrs. John Robson's complaint about the lack of public parking at Emanuel Hospital. We have sent your office two memos, one on April 1, 1975, and one on January 19, 1976, asking you to make contact with Mrs. Robson and explain Traffic Engineering's intentions for the area. We have contacted her today and she has never heard from your office. Mrs. Robson deserves some recognition even though her complaint was once-lived. Can you please have someone take care of this matter. Thank you.

SK:asc  
Attachment

Traff Eng

TR

Rule ✓

April 1, 1975

Mrs. John O. Robson  
2920 S. E. 55th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97206

Dear Mrs. Robson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the parking situation surrounding Emanuel Hospital. Attached is a receipt for the \$10.00 parking citation you received on March 20, 1975. I appreciate your concern in this matter.

The area near Emanuel Hospital is very congested in terms of parking. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Tom James, in the Bureau of Traffic Engineering. Mr. James will be contacting you in the near future with an explanation of the steps Traffic engineers are taking to resolve this problem.

If I may be of any assistance to you in the future in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

I hope your daughter has recovered from her surgery and is in good health.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

NG:skc  
Attachment

cc: Tom James, Bureau of Traffic Engineering

1/15/76 10:20 am called, no answer

1/15/76 2:00 pm not home, told to call at 6

1/16/76 Called Mrs. Robson, she was never  
contacted. memo to Don Bergstrom

8-3-76 1:20pm

Called, ~~no one~~ She said she'd never  
be there again but would like to  
see something done. "Really burned up"  
about her \$10.00 ticket. She was never  
contacted by Traffic Engineering. Memo  
to Don Bergstrom

*Susan*

March 24, 1975

Mr. Neil Goldschmidt  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Sir:

Last Thursday Morning, March 20, 1975, after driving around the area surrounding the Emanuel Hospital and their several parking lots I was unable to find a legal place to park. One lot was designated for doctors only and there was another with spaces for handicapped persons only. Since I had already spent some twenty minutes going through the lots and had even asked two security guards where to park, I felt I had no alternative but to park in a space near the intersection which was partially yellow. The front of my car was still some 12 or 15 feet from the corner and my car was not blocking anyone.

The reason for my trip to the hospital was that my daughter was undergoing surgery and I wanted to be with her before she was scheduled to go to the operating room.

My point is that in my search for a parking space I found at least 25 spaces, possibly more, that were not being used but were reserved for doctors only, plus the others for handicapped persons.

I am paying this ticket under protest and because I do not want to be charged double for failure to pay the fine, but I feel that it is unfair. It would seem that either the City or Emanuel Hospital or both should see that there is adequate parking for visitors to the hospital.

Respectfully,

*Mrs. John O. Robson*  
(Mrs.) John O. Robson  
2920 S. E. 55th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97206

mr

cc: Emanuel Hospital  
2801 North Gantenbein  
Portland, Oregon

774-3901

222-1831

from the office of  
NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT, MAYOR  
Room 303, City Hall  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Date April 1, 1975

To: 1. Tom James, Traffic Engineering

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

Check:

<input type="checkbox"/> Answer	<input type="checkbox"/> Investigate and Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Note and Comment
<input type="checkbox"/> Answer for Mayor's Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Ordinance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note and Confer
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Proc.-Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Note and File
<input type="checkbox"/> For Your Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Note and Return

Comments: Please contact Mrs. Robson and explain the situation and  
any plan the Bureau of Traffic Engineering has to offer  
to that area. Please copy my office. Thank you.

Tim Coughlin

TC:cc

Attachment

Date January 19, 1976

from the office of

NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT, MAYOR

Room 303, City Hall

Portland, Oregon 97204

To: 1. Don Bergstrom

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Check:

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\_\_\_\_\_ For Your Information

\_\_\_\_\_ Necessary Action

\_\_\_\_\_ Note and Return

Comments: The attached file concerns Mrs. John Robson's complaint about

the lack of public parking at Emanuel Hospital. Our memo of

4/1/75 asks your office to contact Mrs. Robson and explain Traffic

Engineering's Intentions for the area. I spoke with her on

Friday and she has never been contacted. Although this was only

a one-time complaint it seems Mrs. Robson deserves an explanation.

Can you please have someone take care of this? Thank you.

Susan Kerr via Pamela Maffitt

Memo

8-3-76  
Tuesday

to: Don Bergstrom  
from: Susan Kerr  
Re: citizen complaint:

(Mrs.) John O. Robson  
2920 S.E. 55th Ave  
Portland, Oregon 97206

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Traf  
Eng



CITY OF PORTLAND  
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
(NOT FOR MAILING)


August 19, 1976.

*From* Bureau of Traffic Engineering  
*To* Office of the Mayor  
*Addressed to* Susan Kerr  
*Subject* Emanuel Hospital Parking Problem - Mrs. John O. Robson

The original complaint from Mrs. Robson was assigned to Michael Avery of our office who was instructed to contact her about this matter. Mr. Avery did contact Emanuel Hospital and made some changes in their parking regulations and Mr. Knudson of this office, since Mr. Avery's resignation, has been following through at meetings with the Emanuel Hospital planning staff and others, in a continual process of updating parking control as the construction of the hospital advances.

The signs Mrs. Robson is referring to "Reserved for Doctors" etc. are all on private property. I was not aware that she had not been contacted by Mr. Avery so will have Mr. Knudson contact her and discuss evolution of parking control changes and revisions in the Emanuel Hospital area. This will be accomplished the week of August 16, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Thomas P. James  
Assistant Traffic Engineer

TPJ:gs

Sue

June 19, 1975

Kathleen Ray  
7620 S. W. 140th Avenue  
Beaverton, OR 97005

Dear Mrs. Ray:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the parking problem you are encountering in downtown Portland. I have considered your request carefully and am sorry to say that there is no way we can give you a sticker allowing special parking privileges. The problem is not so much you and your organization but precedent. There are hundreds of volunteer organizations, as you are no doubt aware, operating out of the City of Portland. There are also businesses functioning in the downtown area as well as professional offices. I see no reason why one group should be privileged in light of the heavy demand for downtown parking. I suggest that you perhaps utilize volunteers in your office to feed meters while other volunteers are doing counseling.

I'm sorry to be disappointing. You can always check with Mr. Tom James who is in charge of parking for the City of Portland, in the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, to see if he has any other alternatives. His telephone number is 248-4436, and I am sure he will be glad to be of assistance if it is at all possible.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

NG:skc

cc: Tom James

*Sue*  
May 21, 1975

Dear Mayor Goldschmidt,

I am a volunteer worker with Birthright in downtown Portland. We are completely dependent on contributions, enabling us to help those in the community who are in need of our services.

We rent one parking space in a private lot and a small space in the Mayer Building. However, we often have more than two ladies on duty at the same time. Some of us take the bus, but this isn't always feasible as we often need our car to take Birthright girls to various appointments.

Our problem is this; We have been using the city street parking meters due to the high cost of private parking areas, and have encountered problems with the meter maids, in the way of tickets. Our meters have not expired, but we have had to park beyond the one or two hour limit. Since, we are often involved in delicate counseling, it is not always possible to leave the office and try and find another vacant spot a full city block away. Is there some way the city could help us out,

such as allowing us to put a sticker on our car, notifying the meter maids that we are with a volunteer organization? This would enable us to go beyond the one or two hour limit without being ticketed..

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

*Mrs Katherine Ray*

ADDRESS:

7620 S.W. 140th Ave.  
Beaverton, Oregon  
97005

Birthright Office  
1130 S.W. Morrison  
Mayer Building  
Portland, Oregon  
97205

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MAY 27 1975

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Date June 19, 1975

from the office of

**NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT, MAYOR**

Room 303, City Hall

Portland, Oregon 97204

To: 1. Tom James

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\_\_\_\_\_ Answer for Mayor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Approval Requested

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Comments: FOR YOUR INFORMATION.SK:ccAttachment

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CITY OF PORTLAND  
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
(NOT FOR MAILING)

July 31, 1975.

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AUG 4 1975

MAYOR'S OFFICE

*From* Bureau of Traffic Engineering  
*To* Office of the Mayor  
*Addressed to* Susan Kerr  
*Subject* Mrs. Kathleen Ray - Birthright Office  
1130 S. W. Morrison  
Mayer Building  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Just a note to inform you that I have talked with Mrs. Ray, since receiving the complaint, and although we are unable to provide what she would like, she is understanding of the problem and this can be filed now.

*Thomas P. James*

Thomas P. James

Assistant Traffic Engineer

6/19/75

TPJ:gs

*Traf Eng.*

*Yim*

March 13, 1975

Joseph Otayde  
4507 N. Lombard  
Portland, OR 97203

Dear Mr. Otayde:

I would like to thank you for your letter of concern in regard to the parking situation in the downtown core area. I am very concerned and aware of the parking situation in downtown Portland.

I would like to point out that Portland is not the only city in the United States having fifteen minute parking meters. Every large city in the United States is faced with the problem of finding parking and alternatives for transit into the downtown area.

We have set the meters at fifteen minutes at the requests of our downtown businesses. Fifteen minute meters enable people to park in or very near a business in order to pick up merchandise or pay bills, etc. In order to perform this function, it is important that the street parking have a quick turnover. It should not be necessary for a driver to drive around the city streets for thirty minutes to find a parking space. This would be a waste of fuel, time, and money. At the same time, a driver should not really be forced to pay the prices for parking at a parking lot. Parking lots are for the use of downtown shopping, or business taking longer than fifteen minutes. I sincerely believe fifteen minutes is enough time to transact this sort of business mentioned.

I would also encourage you to use our mass transit system whenever possible. Mass transit is constantly developing in Portland. Tri-Met has recently developed a stop and shop system which enables people to ride the bus for free in the downtown core area. Please contact Tri-Met for this information.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

NG:tcc

Mayor Goldsmith  
Administration  
Portland City  
ONE.  
3/11/75

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MAR 12 1975

MAYOR'S OFFICE

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Dear Mayor Goldsmith

In our City so many tax payer & residents are complaining about your 15 minute parking because time limit is just like a 2 hold upper if you stop to park in busy day and the office were you pick up your thing if they are busy the 15 minute is not enough and will go to \$2.00 instead of nickel or dime that mean disaster in economy to the motorist that pay high price of gasoline. It did not look for city and the people say but it's like a red tide City for motorist last month one of your voter & tax payer paid 4 ticket he told he park in 15 minute and your Rare lady ticket meter around the block and come back and put another \$2 ticket because one block to round plus red light stop is enough for 15 minute.

For your kindness and a good mayor of the City that the residence of Portland make you the mayor of the City please give consideration to your voter that made you a mayor of the City by changing the 15-minute to 30 minute parking because the only City in United States got 15 minute parking the shortest parking is 30 minute that give the motorist a time to come back.

Respectfully your  
John Dayde  
your tax payer

Truf Eng

March 13, 1975

Q. U. Harding  
Route 2, Box 705  
Estacada, Oregon

Dear Mr. Harding:

Thank you for the copy of your letter dated March 3 to the District Court. I would like to respond to the questions you raised.

As you are no doubt aware, if you ask the operator of a downtown parking lot, they will not bury your car, making it easy for you to obtain your car whenever you have to make a trip. I think your assumption here is incorrect.

The purpose of the time limit on parking meters is to encourage the turnover of the use of the parking space. Parking on the streets of Portland in the central core area is limited to two hours for the purpose of encouraging turnover only. On the fringes of the core area, six and twelve-hour meters are available for those people who chose to park their car all day. We would prefer that your car not occupy a two-hour slot if, in fact, it is going to be there longer than two hours. Feeding the meter, as I am sure you are well aware, is a violation of the ordinance as well.

Since you live in Estacada, I do not see how the City of Portland is, in fact, over taxing you. That you choose not to purchase in downtown Portland, but to work here is, of course, your privilege, but I think that your reasoning is very superficial at best.

The rates charged by the parking lots in downtown Portland are competitive. They charge the rates they do because people are willing to pay them. Essentially, it is the free enterprise system at work, since the City of Portland does not regulate parking lots at all. I am not certain what you mean by the "outlandish parking situation," because there are approximately 40,000 parking spaces on the streets and in private lots in downtown Portland. If by "outlandish" you mean too many, I

March 13, 1975  
Page Two

might agree with you. If you mean too few, then what you are really suggesting is that we continue to tear down the inner core and pave it flat for storage of cars during the day. I disagree with that policy and will continue to do so.

As for the City Council spending its time on silly subjects, such as smoking, it was the State Legislature at its last session which banned smoking of tobacco in public meetings. I am also sure that you are well aware that City Council cannot controvene an act enacted by the State Legislature.

Thank you for writing to me.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

NG:skc

cc: Editor, The Oregonian  
Editor, The Oregon Journal  
City Planning Commission  
Chamber of Commerce  
Presiding Judge of District Court

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RECEIVED  
MAR 4 1975  
MAYOR'S OFFICE

Sue. Tom Towne ✓  
Route 2 Box 705  
Estacada, Oregon 97023  
March 3, 1975

District Court  
1021 S. W. Fourth  
Portland, Oregon 97204

Sir:

Upon returning to my car at 4:00 p.m. this date, the attached ticket was on my windshield.

I am employed by a major retail chain as Security Director. It is often necessary for me to leave my office, which is located in the downtown area, during normal working hours and handle business at one of our five other locations. As a result, I find it impossible to park in downtown lots, for they bury "early in" cars so deeply I am unable to get my car out when necessary.

Not true

I, therefore, feed meters at a rate of \$1.80 per day, which is NOT my choice, but necessary. I NEVER fail to keep the meter current and personally see NO logical reason for a 2-hour parking limit. After all, if I'm parked on the street, there is a parking lot space available.

I personally feel such a city ordinance is directed solely as a means of obtaining revenue from already over-taxed citizens. My wife and I, even though we both work in the downtown area, strictly refuse to make any purchase of any nature from any downtown business and have done so for years because of the outlandish parking situation and rates charged at city center lots.

As I had already paid \$1.40 to the City of Portland on this date ( 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 20¢ per hour), I am herewith deducting that amount from the amount of the ticket.

I also strongly suggest the City Council get off the silly subjects, i.e: shall we smoke or not in meetings?, and take some action with regard to abolishing unjust and unnecessary city ordinances.

Q. U. Harding  
Q. U. Harding

cc: Mayor  
Editor, Oregonian  
Editor, Journal  
City Planning Commission - Red O'Brien 4292 -  
Chamber of Commerce

*Done ✓*

February 4, 1975

Yvonne Roberts  
P. O. Box 233  
Carlton, OR 97111

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your encounter with the City of Portland. Congratulations on your new citizenship! I wish you the very best and hope that the United States will prove to be a home for you and your family.

In regards to your Dodge club-cab, I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Tom James who is in charge of the Parking Division of the Bureau of Traffic Engineering. He will review your complaint and respond to you directly with a copy to my office.

I am sending you a copy of "The City of Portland is Working for You!" for your information and use. If I can be of any further assistance to you in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Neil Goldschmidt

NG:skc  
Enclosure  
cc: Tom James

R/S

Yvonne Roberts  
P.O. Box 233  
Carlton Oregon  
97111

Mayor H. Goldschmidt,  
Portland City Hall  
Portland, Oregon.

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JAN 21 1975

Dear Sir:

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Two matters happened to me in your city of cases this AM. One, I became a citizen & now have the "Right to Gripe" and the other I received a ticket for violating the "Queue space lines."

I feel I have a legitimate gripe and a matter that needs looking into. Our vehicle is a sledge club-cab, we are 18" longer than other pick-ups, your parking space is 1 foot short. We parked with our rear bumpers along the back line & like I said went over about a foot. Yes, we were in violation & sent in our money, but I think this should be brought to your attention.

Hav'n't you agree its little irksome things like this that keeps people from using the downtown area.

This violation is out of date & should be abolished.

Sincerely

Yvonne Roberts

February 4, 1975

Susan Kerr

Tom James

Bureau of Traffic Engineering, Parking Division

Citizen Complaint: Yvonne Roberts, P. O. Box 233  
Carlton, OR 97111

Tom,

Attached is a copy of a letter from Yvonne Roberts with a problem -- her vehicle is a Dodge club-cab which is approximately 1 foot longer than the downtown parking spaces. Please advise her of her alternatives or suggest a way in which she could park downtown without having this recur. I would like to have a copy of any response you make to her because I don't know the answer either.

I would like to have her letter answered within the next two weeks. Thank you.

SK:cc  
Attachment

February 26, 1975

*Traf Eng Parking*

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FEB 27 1975

Mrs. Yvonne Roberts  
P.O. Box 233  
Carlton, Oregon 97111

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

Your letter to the Chief of Police regarding an "over space line" citation has been referred to this office. We would have to agree that our parking meter spaces will not accommodate every vehicle that is presently used. At the time the meter installation was completed, a thorough study of all passenger carrying vehicles was conducted to establish the minimum length that would contain the maximum length vehicle that would be common to the downtown area. At that time, a dimension of 18 feet included every vehicle except seven passenger limousines. To attempt to make the spaces long enough to contain these special length vehicles would cause us to delete one parking space per block. We felt this was too severe a penalty just to accommodate occasional usage these uncommon vehicles might require. Also as you are probably aware, the automotive industry changes its specifications annually on many vehicles and we never know ahead of time what to expect, whether they are going to shorter cars or longer cars or what. Once a meter installation is made, it is expensive to alter it to attempt to fit the next year's breed of vehicles. Were it to be common that many vehicles would be changed to a different length, we would then undertake such a task.

We are presently installing some short meter spaces that will only accommodate compact cars where it is the most economical use of available curb space. We feel justified in doing this inasmuch as compact cars now comprise nearly 40% of the vehicles in the downtown area. At the same time we have increased full car spaces from 18 feet to 19 or 20 feet where space is available to do this.

The emergence of the Dodge Club Cab last year and the addition of the Ford Super Cab this year offer a problem for those owners parking in our standard meter spaces in the downtown area. Fortunately these vehicles are very few in number, and we consider the problem similar to the seven passenger limousine.

In the case of a vehicle that is too large to be contained in a standard meter space, over the space line violations are not enforced if the vehicle's overhang is in the maneuvering space rather than in the other person's meter space, and if such overhang does not exceed two feet. I have enclosed a sketch to indicate how this would appear. If you are not able to park in this manner, you would need to park in an off-street facility that can accommodate your special vehicle.

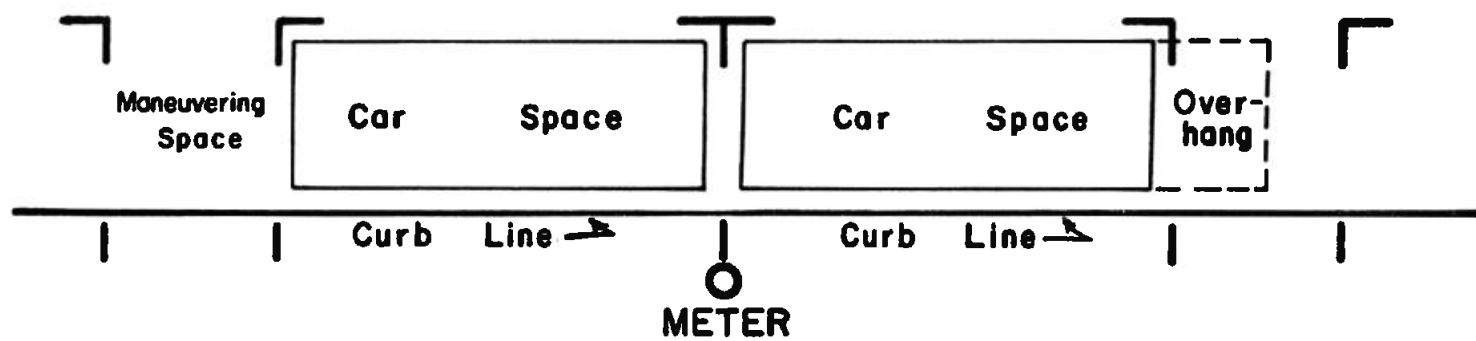
I appreciate your taking the time to write to us, and I very much regret the problem that you had. If I can be of any other assistance please call me at 248-4436.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. James  
Assistant Traffic Engineer

TPJ:dpg  
Encl.

cc: Susan Kerr/Office of the Mayor  
Dolores Heinz/Supervisor, Parking Patrol



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CHIEF OF POLICE

222 S.W. PINE  
PORTLAND, OR. 97204

January 28, 1975

Ms. Yvonne Roberts  
P. O. Box 233  
Carlton, Oregon 97111

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Your point regarding the new length in club cab  
Dodges is very well taken, and your letter has  
been forwarded to the Portland City Traffic Eng-  
ineer for his review of the problem.

It would, indeed, be frustrating to try to comply  
with a statute that does not take into consider-  
ation your vehicle's extra length.

You may contact the Traffic Engineer, Mr. Donald  
Bergstrom, at the City Hall Annex for answers to  
the problem.

Very truly yours,

B. R. BAKER  
Chief of Police

BRB:ms

cc: Donald Bergstrom

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Police Chief Baker

Portland Police Dept

Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir;

Joanne Roberts

P.O. Box 233

Carlton, Oregon

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CHIEF'S OFFICE

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"Re: Over Space Line"

I think you have a violation on your traffic tickets that should be abolished, at least the matter should be checked into.

We have a Dodge club-cab, we are 18" longer than normal pickups and therefore in violation of your "over space line".

Then not in your city of houses are neatly parked in a space, put our rear bumper on the back line & squeezed our front bumper as much as we can & still went over about a foot. Oh yes, we violated & the day sent in our \$2.00. However, don't you think times have changed & this violation is a little out-dated.

I realize you have better things to do than checking into parking spaces and abolishing

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its violation, but you have the  
authority to get it done. Please,  
all I ask is look into it.

Thank you, I'm glad we have  
the Standard of Speech in our  
country.

Sincerely

James Roberts

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