

## Sampson, David

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**To:** Jessica Grimsby  
**Subject:** RE: Pedestrian walk across Galen at Maple St.

Received, thank you very much for the update and for your additional thoughts. I am happy to include your comments to the Commission's packet.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

**From:** Jessica Grimsby <jessica.grimsby@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025 1:52 PM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Pedestrian walk across Galen at Maple St.

Thank you very much for your response to my inquiry and comments regarding introducing a safer way for pedestrians to cross Galen at Maple St.

Unfortunately, I have a conflict next Wednesday (Monthly Trees for Watertown Meeting), so I will not be able to attend in person.

I'd like to reply however, if I can, to your note about crossing instead at the traffic light crosswalk at Morse St. (Feel free to include this as an amendment to my public statement for the meeting.)

I realize that this Morse St. intersection exists, but there is a huge gap between the pedestrian crosswalk at Pearl St. and the one at Morse St. People coming from the Newton side will not (and honestly, just do not) walk all the way to Morse—especially when trying to catch a bus. I see people cross this 4 lane highway /off-ramp part of Galen every single day—an accident will happen in which a car driving way too fast will collide with a child or adult trying to cross.

I realize that introducing a pedestrian crosswalk would require technology for cars to slow down to avoid collisions, but honestly, this is exactly what Watertown needs to do on this clearly unsafe, un-walkable, un-bikeable strip in Watertown. To make Watertown and Watertown Square truly “walkable”, the pedestrian and/or people taking public transportation (over driving) need to be considered in the road development plans, and that includes installing whatever it takes to make sure cars slow down for pedestrian safety. In addition, having some planting strips and shade trees installed who slow traffic, and provide some protection from the highway-like conditions, in which there is no current barrier. Lastly, people also cross to go to Starbucks—I know that there is the Pearl St. cross walk—but I'm just telling you that because it's pretty far, although probably <300 feet away, and since walkers tend to follow the shortest distance between 2 points (a line) people choose to try to cross instead—that's just the reality of urban people trying to navigate by foot here. Let's try to prioritize walkability in Watertown's street designs.

Thanks for listening!

Jessica

On Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 1:20 PM Sampson, David <[dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov](mailto:dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Grimsby,

I have received a copy of your request for the installation of a crosswalk spanning Galen Street at Maple Street. Please be advised that I have placed your request on the October 15<sup>th</sup>, Traffic Commission agenda. The meeting will take place at 7:00pm and will be held in the Administration Building (149 Main Street) Council Chambers. You are not required to attend, but you are encouraged to do so. It is helpful to be in attendance to voice your concerns and be available in the event the Commission has any specific questions for you.

In terms of installing a crosswalk, it is not always a simple operation. Generally speaking, it is a municipality's responsibility to install crosswalks where it is deemed safe and where the municipality encourages pedestrians to cross the street. Although pedestrians cross Galen Street at Maple Street, installing a crosswalk for convenience could be problematic if a collision occurred at that location.

The City's Traffic Rules and Orders regulates pedestrian crossings; whenever there is a marked crosswalk within (300) feet of a pedestrian, no such pedestrian shall cross a way or roadway except within the limits of a marked crosswalk. I don't have specific measurements immediately available, but the crosswalk on Galen Street at Morse Street is likely well within 300 feet of Maple Street – It is also located at a signalized intersection. This is a far safer location for pedestrians to cross Galen Street.

Because Maple Street does not align with Boyd Street, a crosswalk at this location may be considered a "mid-block" crosswalk. Although generally not favored, mid-block crosswalks can be used where there is heavy pedestrian traffic near major destinations, such as schools, shopping centers, or transit stops. On a four-lane arterial way such as Galen Street, my guess is a mid-block crosswalk would not be supported especially without other control devices to increase safety (pedestrian bump-outs, flashing beacons, median islands, etc.).

Please confirm that you received this message, whether you plan to attend the Traffic Commission meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and please indicate your residential street name and City. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. D. Sampson

Watertown Police Department

Traffic Division

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**From:** Jessica Grimsby <[jessica.grimsby@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.grimsby@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 6, 2025 6:01 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission <[trafficcom@watertown-ma.gov](mailto:trafficcom@watertown-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** Pedestrian walk across Galen at Maple St.

If we're gonna make Watertown more walkable, we definitely need to have a pedestrian walk across Galen to the bus stop (directly across from Maple Street where it bisects Galen)... I see so many people running across to try to get to the bus and it's basically crossing a 4 Lane highway... Pedestrian safety comes first. It doesn't have to be a light—just a pedestrian walk so that that if someone wants to cross, the cars can yield to them instead of going 65 miles an hour— The traffic needs to be slowed on this offramp of the street anyway..

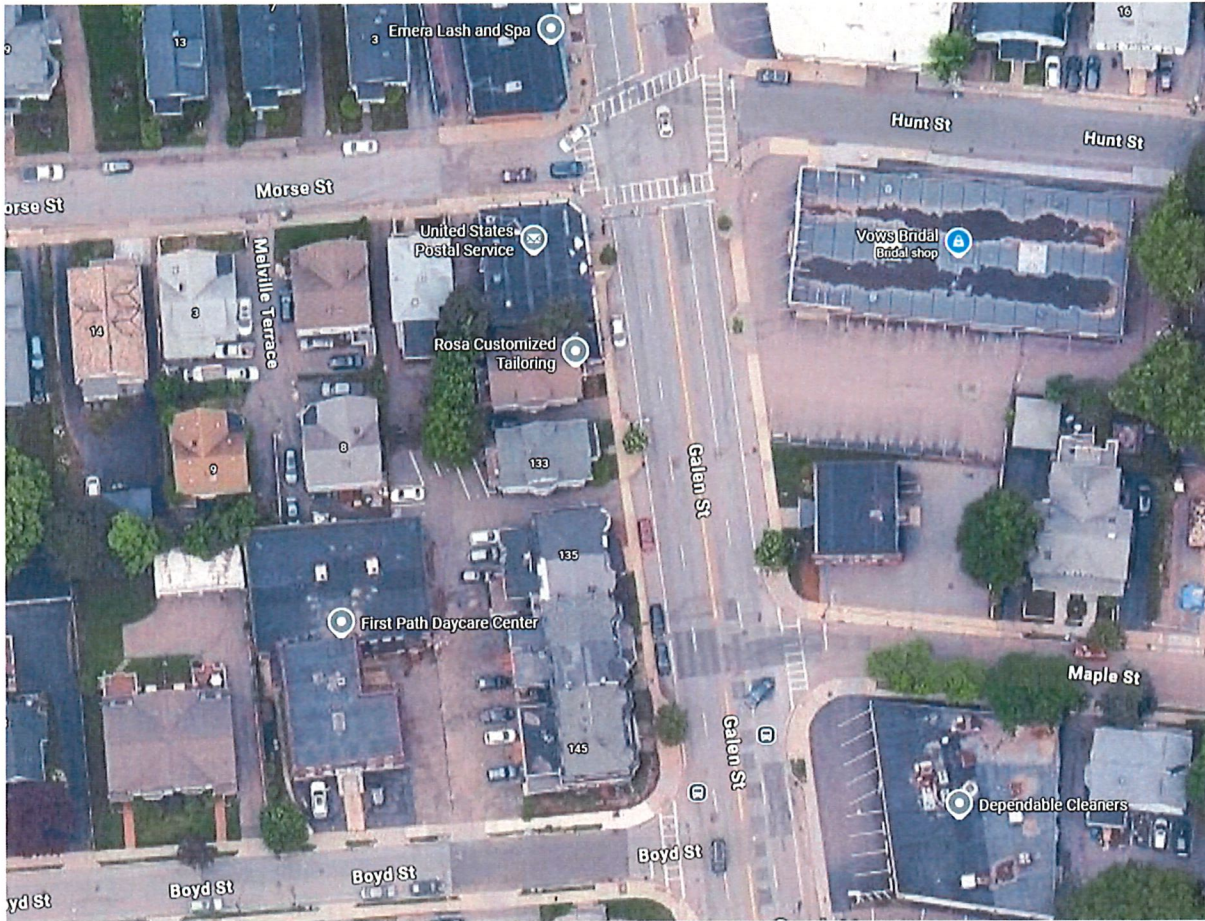
Thanks for listening,

Jessica Grimsby

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# Galen Street at Maple Street



To: Traffic Commission of Watertown  
From: Barbara Biancone  
Resident of 37 Myrtle Street, Watertown

I would like to thank the members of this Commission for your service to the community as well as your willingness to consider my concerns. Traffic in Watertown is an ongoing challenge that face the residents here every day.

I am writing to express my concerns about the traffic situation on Myrtle Street between Pleasant and Main. I have been a resident on this street since of August of 2022. During the past three years, I have watched as the traffic on this street seems to have not only increased, but the speed of autos seems to have increased as well. This street serves as a cross street for folks attempting to avoid the traffic in Watertown square as well as a route to travel toward Belmont.

After talking with various neighbors, it is my understanding that people along this street have been asking for relief from this situation for years to no avail. I also asked my Town Council representative at his community meeting at the end of 2024 to address. He assured me that he would look into it but I have heard nothing. At that time, I was not aware there was a Traffic Commission that would address these concerns or else I would have pursued sooner.

I have received information from David Sampson of the Watertown Police department that outlines data that was captured in 2024 and 2021 that indicates the traffic along Myrtle Street is travelling within the 30 mph speed limit. These results are not surprising since it is my sense that people would tend to drive slower when they see signs that are collecting speed limit data. Those of us who reside on this street are confident the cars are not driving within the 30 mph limit.

I reached out to the Watertown Police Department at the end of October to report an incident related to me by an employee of a broadband company. As I greeted him as he worked outside of my home, he wanted to know how I could live on this street because he almost got into two fights telling people to slow down. Cars had already hit a few of his orange safety cones while he was working!

Since I have moved here, I watch children regularly walk this area to attend school at the Middle School. I am glad to see that there is a concern to protect the children in front of the school from unreasonable speeds with the speed hump and at times, police officers but this does not protect them prior to crossing over from Myrtle Street.

I am speaking for myself but know that other residents of Myrtle Street would like the Traffic Commission to give serious consideration to options that could address traffic safety on Myrtle Street. I do not know what specific remedies or resources the Commission has at their disposal to make meaningful changes so it is hard to relate what could specifically be done. However, in my opinion, a speed hump would be the ideal method that we would like to have installed on this street to at least help to slow the traffic.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about how the Commission plans to address this issue on Myrtle Street to make living here safer for everyone.



Start: 2024-04-02

End: 2024-04-28

Times: 0:00:00-23:59:59

Violation Threshold: Speed Limit + 10

Speed Range: 1 to 150

## Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 27

Speed Limit: 30

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50th Percentile Speed: 22.4

85th Percentile Speed: 26.84

Pace Speed Range: 18-28

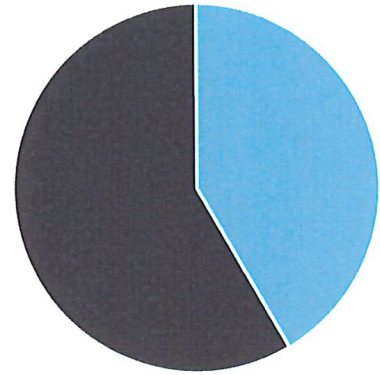
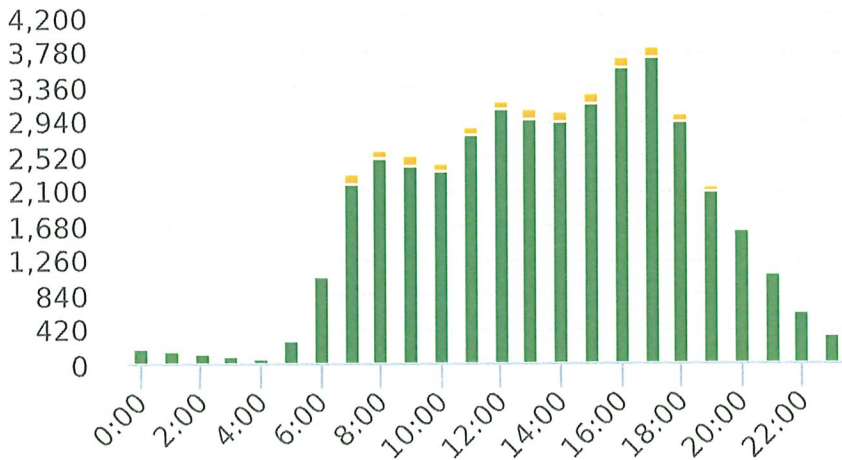
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Maximum Speed: 49

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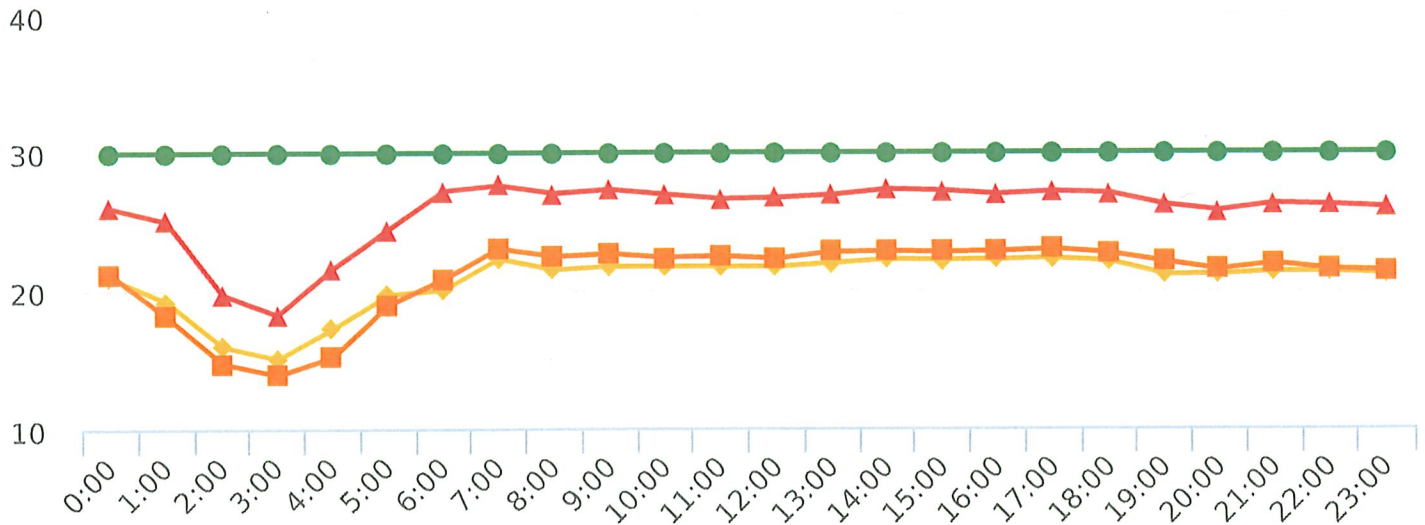
Average Volume per Day: 1621.9

Total Volume: 43791



● **Violators**    ● **Inside Threshold**    ● **Compliant**

● **Vehicles Slowed**  
● **Other**



● **Speed Limit**    ● **Average Speed**    ● **50% Speed**    ● **85% Speed**



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Time	Sign Mode	Speed Limit	Total # Vehicles	Total # Violator	% Violator	Avg # Vehicles	Avg # Violators	Min Speed	Max Speed	Avg Speed	50% Speed	85% Speed	Sign Effectiveness
0:00	Speed Display	30	188	0	0.0%	7.0	0.0	5	39	20.9	21.2	26.0	43.6%
1:00	Speed Display	30	180	0	0.0%	6.7	0.0	5	39	19.2	18.1	25.0	37.7%
2:00	Speed Display	30	130	0	0.0%	4.8	0.0	5	36	15.9	14.7	19.7	43.1%
3:00	Speed Display	30	107	0	0.0%	4.0	0.0	5	31	15.0	13.9	18.2	48.6%
4:00	Speed Display	30	66	0	0.0%	2.4	0.0	5	35	17.2	15.2	21.6	36.3%
5:00	Speed Display	30	317	1	0.3%	11.7	0.0	5	41	19.7	18.9	24.4	26.2%
6:00	Speed Display	30	1098	1	0.1%	40.7	0.0	5	43	20.0	20.8	27.2	27.2%
7:00	Speed Display	30	2307	1	0.0%	85.4	0.0	5	43	22.3	23.0	27.6	33.0%
8:00	Speed Display	30	2577	0	0.0%	95.4	0.0	5	40	21.5	22.5	27.0	40.4%
9:00	Speed Display	30	2515	1	0.0%	93.1	0.0	5	49	21.7	22.6	27.3	38.1%
10:00	Speed Display	30	2420	1	0.0%	89.6	0.0	5	41	21.7	22.4	26.9	38.1%
11:00	Speed Display	30	2857	3	0.1%	105.8	0.1	5	42	21.7	22.5	26.6	41.0%
12:00	Speed Display	30	3169	0	0.0%	117.4	0.0	5	39	21.7	22.3	26.7	44.3%
13:00	Speed Display	30	3072	1	0.0%	113.8	0.0	5	43	22.0	22.8	26.9	42.0%
14:00	Speed Display	30	3055	2	0.1%	113.1	0.1	5	48	22.2	22.8	27.3	40.5%
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16:00	Speed Display	30	3697	1	0.0%	136.9	0.0	5	46	22.2	22.8	27.0	42.4%
17:00	Speed Display	30	3817	1	0.0%	141.4	0.0	5	41	22.3	23.0	27.1	45.8%
18:00	Speed Display	30	3020	0	0.0%	111.9	0.0	5	39	22.1	22.7	27.0	46.1%
19:00	Speed Display	30	2139	0	0.0%	79.2	0.0	5	37	21.1	22.0	26.2	45.1%
20:00	Speed Display	30	1655	1	0.1%	61.3	0.0	5	41	21.1	21.5	25.7	47.3%
21:00	Speed Display	30	1117	0	0.0%	41.4	0.0	5	40	21.3	21.9	26.3	44.4%
22:00	Speed Display	30	662	1	0.2%	24.5	0.0	5	42	21.3	21.5	26.2	41.1%
23:00	Speed Display	30	359	0	0.0%	13.3	0.0	5	39	21.2	21.4	26.0	40.0%
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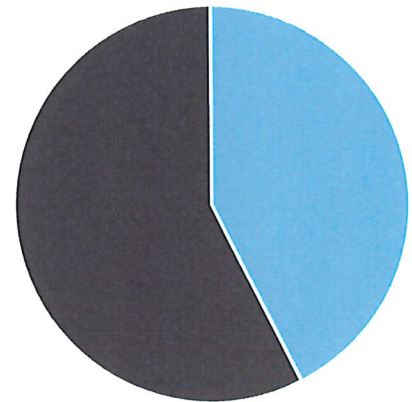
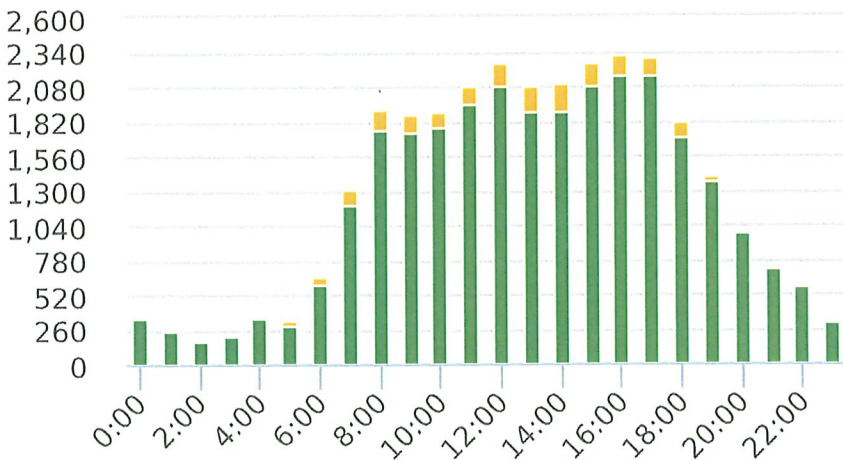
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 Times: 0:00-23:59

Violation Threshold: Speed Limit + 10  
 Speed Range: 1 to 150

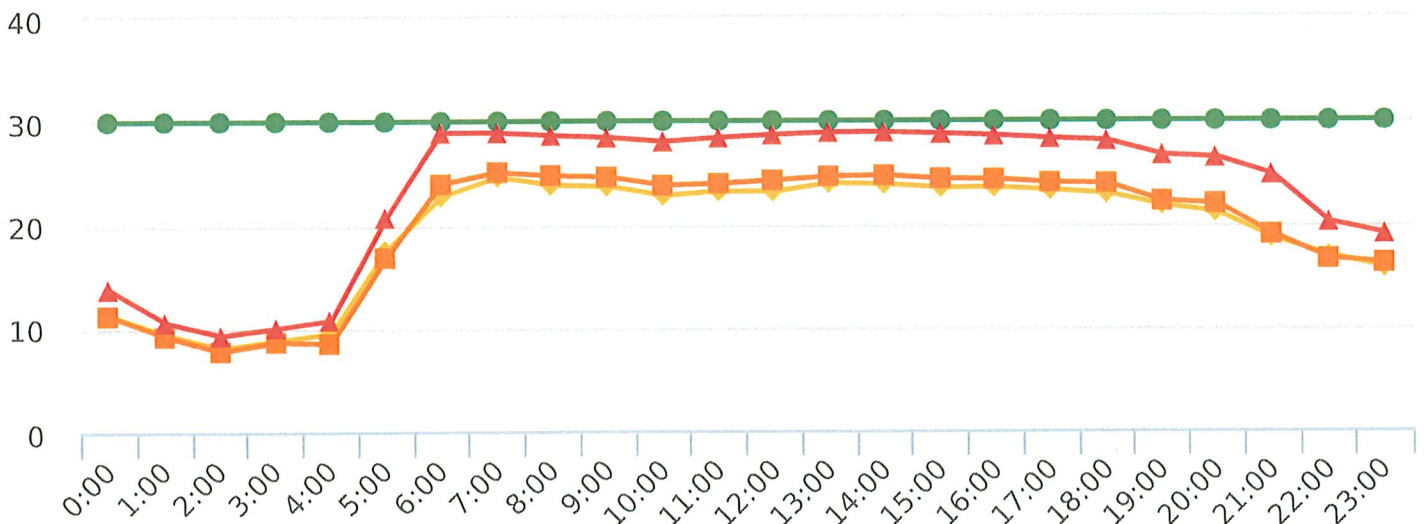
## Overall Summary

Total Days of Data: 29  
 Speed Limit: 30  
 Average Speed: 22.31  
 50th Percentile Speed: 23.04  
 85th Percentile Speed: 27.18  
 Pace Speed Range: 19-29

Minimum Speed: 5  
 Maximum Speed: 54  
 Display Mode: Speed Display  
 Average Volume per Day: 1052.9  
 Total Volume: 30533



■ Violators   
 ■ Inside Threshold   
 ■ Compliant   
 ■ Vehicles Slowed   
 ■ Other



● Speed Limit   
 ◆ Average Speed   
 ■ 50% Speed   
 ▲ 85% Speed



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End: 2021-09-21

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Speed Range: 1 to 150

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1:00	Speed Display	30	243	0	0.0%	8.4	0.0	5	37	9.4	9.2	10.6	43.9%
2:00	Speed Display	30	177	0	0.0%	6.1	0.0	5	36	8.1	7.8	9.3	32.2%
3:00	Speed Display	30	212	0	0.0%	7.3	0.0	5	34	8.8	8.6	10.0	40.9%
4:00	Speed Display	30	345	0	0.0%	11.9	0.0	5	33	9.5	8.5	10.8	46.0%
5:00	Speed Display	30	319	1	0.3%	11.0	0.0	5	41	17.5	16.8	20.7	39.6%
6:00	Speed Display	30	658	1	0.2%	22.7	0.0	5	48	22.7	23.9	28.9	47.3%
7:00	Speed Display	30	1315	0	0.0%	45.3	0.0	5	40	24.6	25.0	28.9	42.7%
8:00	Speed Display	30	1916	1	0.1%	66.1	0.0	5	54	23.8	24.7	28.6	41.6%
9:00	Speed Display	30	1870	1	0.1%	64.5	0.0	5	41	23.7	24.6	28.4	38.3%
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22:00	Speed Display	30	600	0	0.0%	20.7	0.0	5	36	16.9	16.6	20.2	47.7%
23:00	Speed Display	30	315	0	0.0%	10.9	0.0	5	36	15.7	16.2	19.0	47.2%
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November 24, 2025

Good afternoon

My name is Tom Vasquez and I reside at 164 Irving St, corner of Charles River Road along with my wife Donna Vasquez. We are both lifelong residents of Watertown and we have owned our home at this location for over 40 years.

I am writing to the Traffic Commission to request that a stop sign be placed "back" on the end of Irving Street at the intersection of Charles River Road. When this intersection was designed by the Mass DoT/DCR a lot of thought went into the proper configuration of the new lights, especially with the consideration of the Perkins School for the Blind and their students. Currently Charles River Road has a flashing yellow light and Irving Street has a flashing Red light. Previous to this new intersection there was only a stop sign on the bottom of Irving St.

Over the past few years we have noticed an increase in cars coming down Irving St and rolling through the flashing yellow light if there are no cars approaching. With the increase in bike utilization I have seen a number of close encounters with bikes as well as cars heading towards Watertown Square.

Recently, I saw a person riding a bike on Charles River Road in the direction of Watertown Square. At the same time a vehicle was coming down Irving Street. I almost witnessed a pretty bad accident as luckily the lady on the bike "was" paying attention and alerted the driver to stop at the flashing red light. I could tell by the rate of speed of the vehicle, this was going to be a rolling stop to go through the intersection. To make matters even worse there was a child in a seat on the back of the bike. If the lady riding the bike did not alert the driver, I can't imagine what might have occurred. This was a close one (video attached).

When this intersection was redesigned, the stop sign coming down Irving St was removed due to the new flashing red light. During one of the status meetings, I did ask if the stop sign could remain in place but I was informed that it was not necessary due to the flashing yellow light. Almost every day I see vehicles, especially during rush hour roll straight through the flashing yellow light.

There is currently a tall pole on the bottom of Irving Street and I was wondering if a stop sign could be placed on this pole as its part of Watertown and not DCR. Please see attached pictures from three different directions.

I do understand this is not the best solution but anything would help. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If needed I can be reached at .

I thank you very much.

Tom Vasquez  
164 Irving Street  
Watertown, Ma.

Irving St. Photos Provided by T. Vasquez





## Sampson, David

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**From:** Sampson, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:59 PM  
**To:** 'vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com'  
**Subject:** RE: MY SALON at 150 Arsenal st Watertown

Good afternoon Mr. Evdokimov,

I hope you are doing well. I have placed your request on the December 3, 2025 Traffic Commission agenda. The meeting will take place at 1:30pm in the Administration Building (149 Main Street) Council Chambers.

Please be advised that the City's parking enforcement officers have been monitoring the area and have found that cars are not accumulating tickets day to day. That section of Arsenal Street has a two-hour parking limitation. The regulation is in effect from 7am-7pm except for Sundays and Holidays. If the Traffic Commission approves your request, it would not include all days of the week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 617-972-6547. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

**From:** vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com <vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:21 AM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: MY SALON at 150 Arsenal st Watertown

Good morning Sgt. D. Sampson,

I would like to attend another meeting to request the installation of parking signs near 150 Arsenal St. in Watertown that limit parking to two hours seven days a week.

We discussed this issue in the past, but the situation has continued to worsen. Businesses like ours—MY SALON Suite, Title Boxing, and even Toyota across the street—are being impacted. Residents from the nearby building prefer to park on the street, and due to the lack of parking enforcement, many leave their vehicles there for days. This leaves our visitors and customers struggling to find available parking.

I would like to formally request clear parking limitation signs that enforce a two-hour limit, seven days a week, as well as regular parking enforcement on this street.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to discussing it further.



Vitaly V. Evdokimov  
**Manager**  
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**From:** Sampson, David <[dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov](mailto:dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** [vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com](mailto:vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com)  
**Subject:** RE: MY SALON at 150 Arsenal st Watertown

Good afternoon Mr. Evdokimov,

It was a pleasure meeting you at the Traffic Commission meeting. You are correct that the City has a 2-hour parking limit from 7am – 7pm on all public ways unless otherwise posted. Some areas are posted for less time, but not more than 2 hours. Like the vast majority of municipalities, Watertown posts this general regulation on the main streets entering the City. It is not practical to post the regulation on every street. The Traffic Commission has stated on many occasions that they do not want the City to be cluttered with signs.

In terms of the parking on Arsenal Street, I believe this is an enforcement issue, not a signage issue. The City's parking enforcement officer checks the area fairly regularly, and I will ask him to increase his presence. He does take notice of the area during his patrols and typically takes action when the street is crowded with parked cars. You are welcome to submit another request, but you may hear the same explanation that I provided to you. Please keep in mind that signage is ineffective without enforcement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,  
DS

**From:** [vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com](mailto:vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com) <[vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com](mailto:vevdokimov@mysalonsuite.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2024 9:50 AM  
**To:** Sampson, David <[dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov](mailto:dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: MY SALON at 150 Arsenal st Watertown

Good morning Sgt. D. Sampson,

Good morning, Sgt. D. Sampson, It was a pleasure meeting you in person at the last meeting. I just wanted to follow up and check if my petition is in motion and if there is anything else I need to do. Additionally, I wanted to address the street parking on both sides of the street. I believe there is a 2-hour parking limit on Arsenal st. However, there are no signs, and residents park there for the whole day just because they don't want to walk from the garage limiting street parking availability for retail visitors. How can I request signs to be installed on that side of the street? Should I file another petition and attend another meeting? Thank you for your attention to these matters.



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Sgt. D. Sampson,

Thank you for prompt response. I will attend the meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate your efforts.



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**Subject:** MY SALON at 150 Arsenal st Watertown

Good Afternoon Mr. Evdokimov,

I received a copy of your email and have placed your request on the June 26, 2024 Traffic Commission agenda. The meeting time will be confirmed approximately one week prior to the meeting. It will likely be 7:00 pm. You are not required to attend the meeting, but I strongly encourage you to attend. It is helpful to be there in the event the Commission has any specific questions. The Traffic Commission meets on the last Wednesday of each month (excluding July and August). If you want to be present at a meeting, but cannot make the one in June, let me know; I can place you on the September 25<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Please confirm that you received this email. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
 Sgt. D. Sampson

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**To:** Hanrahan, Justin <[jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov](mailto:jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** MY SALON at 150 Arsenal st Watertown

Hello,

My name is Vitaly V. Evdokimov. I am the owner and manager of MY SALON Suite, located in the retail space at 150 Arsenal St, Watertown. On behalf of the 34 salon owners in our space and the thousands of clients visiting our facility weekly, we would like to propose adding two handicap parking spots in front of our building and at least one across the street where the Toyota dealership is located.

Additionally, we desperately need street parking limitation signs and regular enforcement, as the public street parking on both sides of the street is mostly taken by residents of the apartment building we are in and Toyota's vehicles. These vehicles are there most of the day as this side of the street rarely monitored by traffic police. This situation is making it difficult for our retail facility and our neighbors, Title Boxing, to operate effectively. It is especially difficult for elderly visitors who are forced to climb up steep sidewalks.

Please advise on the further steps we need to take to get this proposition heard at the next Traffic Commission hearing.

Thank you for considering our request.

**MY SALON**  
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## Sampson, David

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**From:** Sampson, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 20, 2025 6:05 AM  
**To:** Nicole Gardner  
**Subject:** RE: Requests for Grove Street

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Received thank you. Your request has been added to the December 3, 2025 Traffic Commission agenda. The meeting will take place at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

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**To:** Sampson, David <[dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov](mailto:dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Requests for Grove Street

Yes, thank you — sorry I was not clear ....

**Nicole Gardner**  
*she/her*

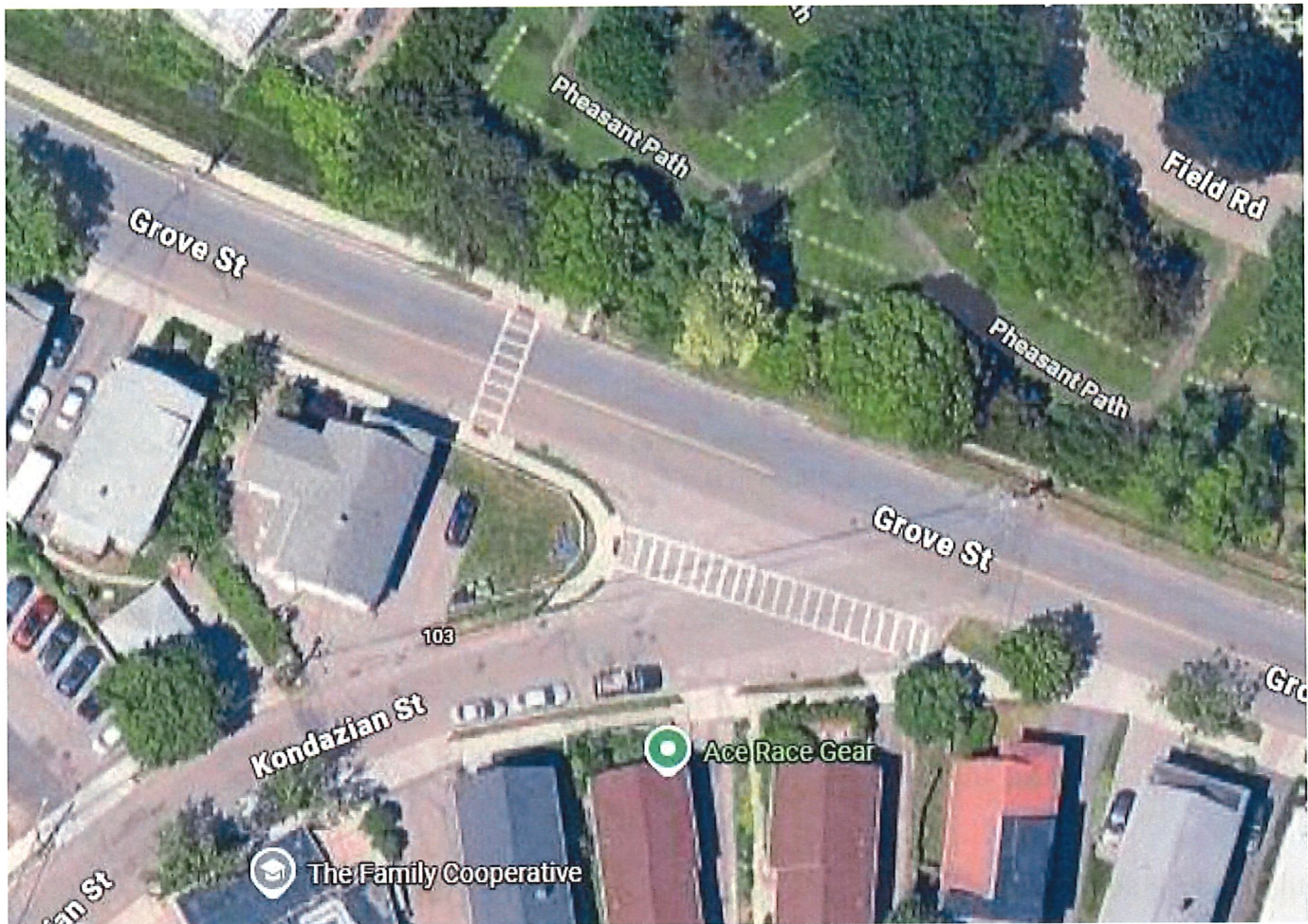
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**To:** Nicole Gardner <[ngardner@watertown-ma.gov](mailto:ngardner@watertown-ma.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Requests for Grove Street

Good afternoon Councilor,

Just to confirm, are you referring to the crosswalk spanning Grove Street at #99 Grove Street? Please see the photo pasted below. Thank you.



Respectfully,  
DS

**From:** Nicole Gardner <[ngardner@watertown-ma.gov](mailto:ngardner@watertown-ma.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 4:40 PM

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**Subject:** Requests for Grove Street

Dear Ed and Dave,

Two safety related questions for Grove Street:

Ed -- could repainting the cross walk on Grove street closest to the Atrium School please be repainted. (Perhaps on the bottom of Kondazian could be done as well?). I'm told that the school takes kids over fairly regularly, and people can drive it fairly quickly. I realize you probably do these on a rotating schedule — if that is the case could you please let me know when these will be refreshed?

Dave -- a neighbor from Coolidge Ave asked if that crosswalk on Grove nearest Atrium could have a rapid flashing beacon installed. I don't know what traffic conditions are needed to justify one, in terms of car

density, average speed, frequency of pedestrians crossing, and so on .... but I am sure the newly opened Ivy Gate at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery will increase the walkers.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing back.

Best, Nicole

**Nicole Gardner**

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