

October 21, 2021

To: City of Concord Parking Committee

Subject: Narrow Streets Parking Study

My name is Gerry Carrier and I am a co-owner with my daughter, Tressa Kosowicz, of Little River Oriental Rugs on North Main Street.

With snow coming soon, we would request that the Parking Committee revisit the Narrow Street Study from 2019 for reconsideration of the decision for Kennedy Lane. With new business storefronts and delivery access doors on the Lane, it has been increasingly difficult to travel the Lane safely, especially in winter months. With snow banks, the cars that park on the Lane tend to stick out into the travel lane making plowing during daytime storms and deliveries by UPS and others impossible. Larger trucks making deliveries have backed into the one way Lane from Pleasant Street Extension. At times, there has been in excess of 6 inches of snow and slush in the travel lane with ruts that tend to steer your car for you. Pedestrian travel is very difficult.

There are two areas of concern. The City has one parking space that is a 20 minute space that is occupied all day by the same car Tuesday through Saturday. This space is on the opposite side of the leased parking spaces making the travel lane very narrow in good weather but even worse in snow conditions. Several of our customers have been unable to safely navigate the Lane for merchandise pick up at our store basement access.

The second area of concern is further down the Lane (beyond the dumpster) where two cars attempt to use a free space on the West side of the Lane that is large enough for one car but two cars squeeze in by angle parking into the travel lane 5-6 feet. I have attached a picture for a visual. There are only 10 feet from the bumper of the front car to a concrete post on the opposite side of the Lane. This area also has our garage access that is blocked on many occasions due to the angle parking. I am not sure why this space exists without at least a leased spot but I do not believe that the City owns the small plot of property where the cars park. Again, in winter, these cars block any snow plowing during storms.

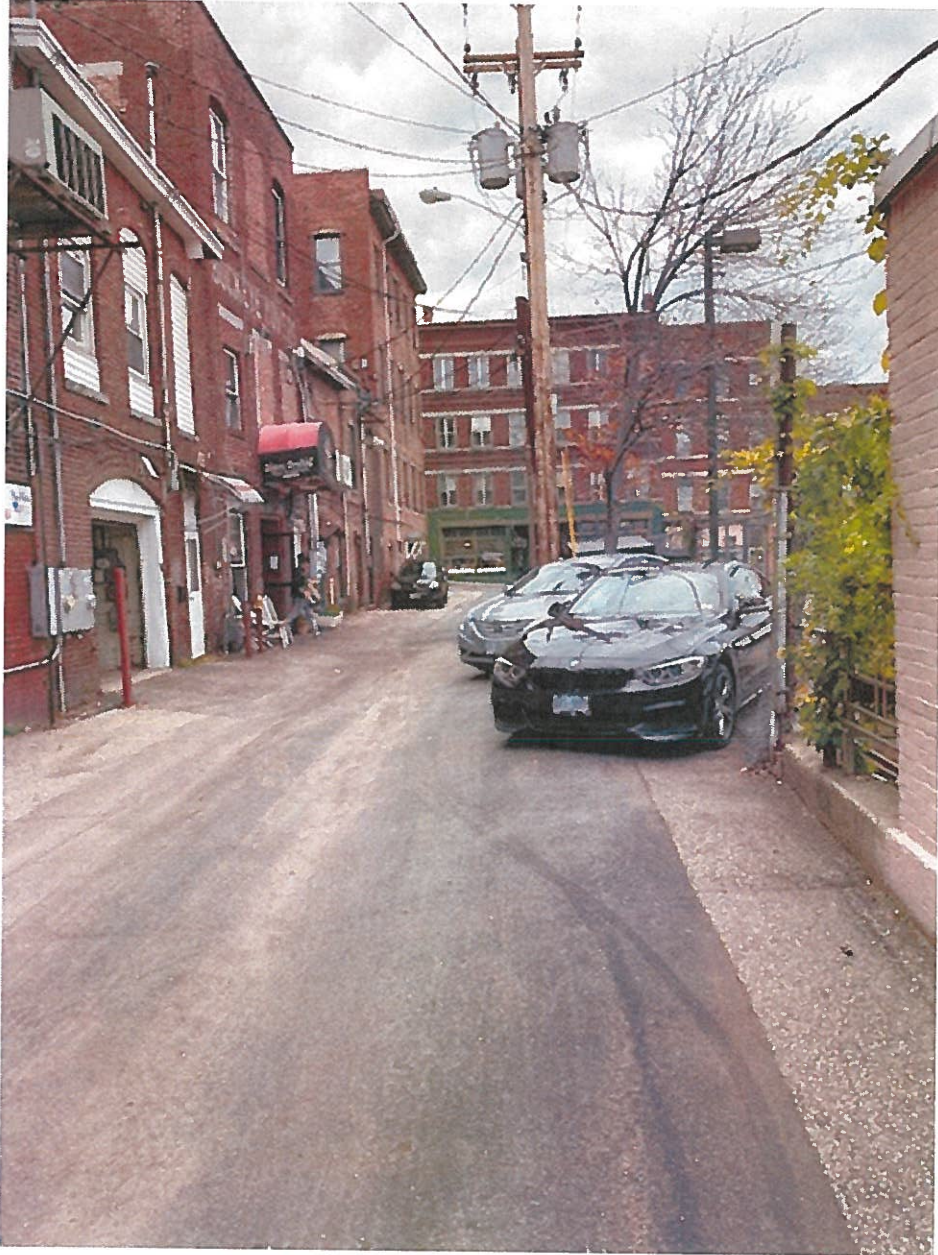
In the 2019 study, there was a recommendation to remove the City's 20 minute parking spot but it was changed at the last minute. No information was provided as to why the recommendation was not accepted. Please reconsider this decision for improved road maintenance, access and safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, we can be contacted at the store (225-5512) or on my cell phone 731-8234.

  
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Kennedy Lane: Car parked in the 20-minute spot in distance and two cars angle parked into Lane travel way the width of a car even though a No Parking sign is posted for this side of the road.



Kennedy Lane – No Parking Sign