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Hi Ashley,

thanks for taking the time to chat with me about my concerns on Amsden St.

Where it abuts onto Mass Ave, they way people park at the end of the street affects drivers trying to enter and exit the street.

On the church side, there is a "No Parking Here To Corner" sign, and people park correctly, before the sign. On the other side of the street, there is no sign, and although, most of the time people park after the double yellow lines, sometimes they do not. They will park from the corner, onwards. This effectively turns the end of the street into one lane and makes it dangerous for exiting cars to see pedestrians stepping into the cross walk, oncoming traffic, bicyclists in the bike lane. Drivers need to push out into the crosswalk to gain visibility. Even when people park correctly after the yellow lines end, it can still be tricky.

As you can seen from one of the pictures, a tractor for an 18 wheeler type truck was parked from the corner, taking up more than the first 20 feet of the roadway. We were almost hit head on by a car turning from Mass Ave onto Amsden as we were approaching Mass Ave. They could not see us. It was really difficult to see oncoming peds/cars/bikes as we were making the turn.

I don't see a reason why this needs to be a valid parking space when there is plenty of parking on Mass Ave.

This situation is also made worse in the winter when snowbanks take up space on the edges of the street.

I am hoping that you can forward my request to the Select Board to have a second "No Parking Here To Corner" sign placed at the entry to Amsden from Mass Ave, so that parking on that side of the street would only be allowed after the driveway of the businesses that face Mass Ave. This would take away a parking space between the ends of the yellow lines and the first driveway (where the white SUV is parked in the pic)

Thank you for your help with this.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Sincerely,  
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Amsden**





**Amsden towards  
Mass Ave**

















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