

To: Town of Arlington, Board of Selectmen

From: Emily Hammond, Ready, Set, Kids! 284 Broadway, Arlington, MA 02474

Dear Arlington Selectmen,

I am the owner of Ready, Set, Kids, a preschool and afterschool program in Arlington Center. I am writing to ask for a change in the parking on the street that the business is located, Broadway. We are having parking and traffic problems on Broadway, and I'd like to request a "15 Minute Parking" zone at Broadway and Franklin. Our parents do drop off and pick up during business hours and since the changes to parking in Arlington Center, many more people are parking on Broadway because it is the closest street to the Center with 4-Hour, free parking (non-metered) spaces. We have noticed a significant drop in available spots. It has caused a lot of challenges for our families to access our business, and it can create a safety hazard because a lot of people (for our business and others) are illegally parking or double parking, causing traffic delays and dangerous parking situations. These are families often with young children in tow, and it has been very concerning.

Here is a (albeit old) photo of the front of our building, where the proposed 15 minute parking would be.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration,

Emily Hammond

Proposed 15 Minute parking zone:

