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Malden City Council
Mr. Neal Anderson, President
215 Pleasant Street
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Re: Proposed ordinance change

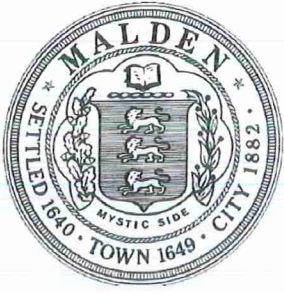
President Anderson,

On behalf of Mayor Gary Christenson, I respectfully propose an amendment to Section 12.28.060 of the City of Malden Ordinances. *Section 12.28.060 – Obstructions* is an ordinance which addresses the heights and locations of fences and other obstructions which are on property located at the intersection of two streets. The ordinance is ineffective as currently constructed, which Mayor Christenson has been made aware of by my department through our efforts to resolve numerous complaints from residents. These proposed revisions and additions to our current ordinance will provide safer traveling conditions for vehicular, pedestrian, and bike traffic at the intersection of streets, driveways, and sidewalks.

I am including a brief power point presentation with the proposal. I would be happy to present this before the City Council and answer any questions that may arise.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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12.28.060 OBSTRUCTIONS

This is the ordinance as it currently reads, with proposed changes in red:

At the intersection of two (2) or more streets, no fence, wall, sign or other structure shall be erected and no tree, shrub or other planting shall be planted or maintained, and no vehicle shall be parked which prevents an unobstructed view through the space between three (3) and eight (8) feet in height, above the plane of the established grades of the streets within the triangular area formed by the intersecting street lines and a straight line joining each street line ~~ten (10)~~ **twenty five (25)** feet distant from said intersection measured along said street line. On rounded corners, said ~~ten (10)~~ **twenty five (25)** foot distance shall be measured from the intersecting point resulting from the projection of the street lines immediately adjacent to the rounding.

This is entirely new language to be added to the current ordinance:

At the intersection of a street and any driveway or access road, no fence, wall, sign or other structure shall be erected and no tree, shrub or other planting shall be planted or maintained, and no vehicle shall be parked which prevents an unobstructed view through the space between three (3) and eight (8) feet in height, above the plane of the established grades of the driveway or access road within six (6) feet distant from the lot line located at said intersection.