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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

DATE: August 11, 2020

SUBJECT: PETITION OF 09/24/19 BY RICHARD GALYON REQUESTING INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGN AT RIVER PLACE AND POST OFFICE SQUARE

The Transportation staff conducted a site visit, reviewed any relevant ordinances and crash reports to determine if a stop sign is warranted at the intersection of River Place and Post Office Square.

Post Office Square is located behind the George Ayotte Parking Facility, and connects Father Morissette Boulevard with River Place. The resident was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Post Office Square and River Place, and believes there should be a stop sign to increase safety. The resident cites the existence of a stop sign on the other side of Post Office Square before the exit of a parking lot for River Place Towers as evidence one is needed at the other end of the street.

In Massachusetts, a vehicle is required to stop at a tee-intersection, even if a stop sign is not erected. Transportation staff agrees that this might be an appropriate place for a stop sign, given the pedestrian-involved crash and the high volume of pedestrians leaving the garage. However, the City's GIS data shows that Post Office Square is not City property, but rather owned by the owners of River Place Towers, Princeton Plaza LLC. The City's Engineering Office confirmed that the street is not City property. Attached is a map showing the parcel owned by Princeton Plaza LLC, with Post Office Square located within the property lines. As such, there is not an ordinance for the stop sign on the other end of Post Office Square.

The City of Lowell does not have the authority to place signs or enact ordinances on private roads. The owners, Princeton Plaza LLC, may place a stop sign at the intersection if they believe it appropriate and needed.

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Attachment

cc: Natasha Vance, Transportation Engineer
Alan Heredia, Assistant Transportation Planner



City of Lowell Massachusetts Post Office Square

-  Parcels
-  Border Town Parcels



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1" = 138 ft

August 5, 2020