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To: Kevin Murphy
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Re: Council Request

11/7/2017 8.3 Councilor Leary – Request City Manager report on status of low-riding cars in the City; report to include actual Massachusetts statute regarding low-riding cars and the enforcement required.

The following is a list of Chapters and Sections used to enforce Motor Vehicle infractions regarding low riding motor vehicles. In addition to altering the height of a Motor Vehicles their owners commonly tint the windows excessively, modify the exhaust illegally, and have the tires illegally extend beyond the fenders. The following list includes citations issued from September of 2016 to the present.

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| 1. Altered Height – 90-7P for \$35.00 | 42 citations |
| 2. Harsh and Objectionable / muffler – 90-16 for \$50.00 | 79 citations |
| 3. Tires Extended Outside Fenders – 90-19 for \$100.00 | 48 citations |
| 4. Excessive Window Tint – 90-9D for \$250.00 | 238 citations |

In the past there has been low riding Motor Vehicle clubs that will congregate in different areas in the city for the purposes of racing. The Lowell Police Department Step program, patrol, and the Massachusetts State Police CAT Team have all worked together to combat this issue when it arises. As of this date an email was sent to the entire department regarding enforcement of infractions for low riders.

As of October 3rd 2017 the no parking here to corner signs were installed at Fletcher Street and Bowers Street. The speed board was left there for approximately two weeks until it was needed elsewhere.