



**Northampton Disability Commission**  
**Chris Palames, Chair**  
**City Councilor Marianne LaBarge, Vice-Chair**  
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Attn:  
Jim Nash, Chair  
Traffic and Parking Commission and  
Donna LaScaleia, Director, Dept of Public Works  
Re: Pleasant St. Parking Ordinance

March 23rd, 2019

Dear Councilor Nash and Donna LaScaleia,

After considerable review of the parking issues on Pleasant St. by members of the ADA Commission we are recommending that the location of a reserved accessible parking space be moved to the front of Roberto's. This placement is strongly preferred as at the alternative location, in front of the liquor store, a person disembarking on the street could be exposed to traffic turning from the side street, and also would be encounter an elevated sidewalk making deployment of a ramp from the side of a van difficult or infeasible. We hope this is helpful for your process and thank you for reaching out to the ADA Commission on this matter which is central to our goals to support accessibility in the city.

Regards,

Marie Westburg  
ADA Coordinator

cc: Gene Page, Chair ADA Commission

