

WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee of the Albany Chamber of Commerce being extremely concerned regarding the inaccessibility of business establishments, in the downtown section, to the automobilist, said inaccessibility being rapidly recognized as a serious interference with trade, and

WHEREAS, accessibility and land values go hand in hand, congestion will eventually result in a decentralization of business to less congested locations and much depreciated property values within the downtown area, every consideration should be given to the stabilization of these values, and

WHEREAS, streets are intended for moving traffic rather than to provide storage for cars, and

WHEREAS, upwards of 200 cities in various states - a great number comparable to and greater in population than Albany - have found the adoption of metered parking a system proven more effective than the present method of chalk-marking tires, has stimulated the retail business, and

WHEREAS, in municipalities where parking meters have been given a trial, the general effect has been a more orderly precision of parking with ample space to maneuver in and out of designated parking spaces and the elimination of the long time parker, and an increase in curb parking for short time parker, and

WHEREAS, the Merchants Bureau has gone on record, the Chamber of Commerce and the Westland Hills Improvement Association have passed favorable resolutions, and petitions bearing the signature of a large percentage of the business firms in the downtown area and those of business men and men in the professions on Washington Avenue and State Street, requesting a trial of meters, have been filed with the Mayor, and

WHEREAS, the manufacturers of various meters are willing to grant the city a trial period up to six months without cost or expense to the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Traffic Committee of the Albany Chamber of Commerce respectfully urge the Board of Directors, representing seven hundred business and professional men, to request the City Administration to make an immediate trial installation of metered parking in State Street from Eagle to Broadway; Broadway from State Street to Clinton Avenue; Clinton Avenue from Broadway to North Pearl Street; North and South Pearl Streets from Clinton Avenue to Division Street; and if a more condensed area seems advisable for a trial, to make the installation in State Street, North Pearl Street and Broadway, and on one side of said streets if necessary, and that later consideration be given to an installation on Washington Avenue and State Street from Eagle to Lark Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor, the Commissioner of Police, the Corporation Counsel, to the Newspapers, and the various Improvement Associations of Albany.

Approved by the
Board of Directors
March 27, 1940