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Bristol Town Council
Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street
Bristol, Rhode Island, 02809

Dear Members of the Bristol Town Council,

My name is Wayne Marshall, and for the past 32 years, I have called 33 Cooke street home. After renting it from my parents for 24 years, in 2016, I purchased the property from them, who acquired it from my grandfather during the mid-1990s. His ownership began in the late 1930s, marking nearly a century of our family's ownership of this home.

As one of the longstanding residents of Cooke Street, having called this street home for many years, I am writing to express my firm opposition with regard to the application for a handicap parking spot on Cooke Street submitted by one of the persons residing at -34 Cooke Street.

I believe that the installation of a handicap parking spot may not be justified given the current residential conditions of 34 Cooke street and the need for parking for other street residents.

Observing the property over the past year, I have noticed the driveway being underutilized by the current residents. Despite having two vehicles, they often leave only one in the driveway for extended periods, opting to park the other on the street. For reference, please see the photos attached.

Based on my own current living situation, where my brother resides upstairs with his vehicle and my daughter partially stays with us with her own vehicle, I appreciate the complexities of managing multiple cars in a shared driveway. However, I have observed minimal effort from the current residents of 34 Cooke Street to efficiently utilize their driveway space for two vehicles.

Previous residents of 34 Cooke Street, who were elderly and had limited mobility, did not require a handicap accessible parking spot. Therefore, I question the necessity for such a spot now.

In my experience, there hasn't been a noticeable demand for handicap parking in our area. Approving this application could establish a precedent for future requests that may not be genuinely necessary, potentially burdening other Cooke Street residents unnecessarily.

Maintaining the current parking arrangement is crucial for preserving the accessibility of Cooke street, unless there is a genuine and demonstrated need for a handicap spot, which I have not observed. In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to reject the application for a handicap parking spot on Cooke Street. The potential negative impact on parking availability outweighs any perceived benefits possibly

expressed by one or more of the persons living at 34 Cooke street.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I trust that you will make a decision that upholds the well-being and harmony of Cooke Street residents.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Marshall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wayne Marshall

