



## *City of New Bedford*

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Ms. Laurie Alfonso  
Administrative Manager, Traffic Commission  
City of New Bedford  
51 Elm Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Ms. Alfonso and Members of the Traffic Commission:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Traffic Commission determine whether Oakland Street would qualify to be excluded from heavy commercial vehicles. This would remedy the excessive commercial vehicle traffic that has been disrupting the quality of life and causing property damage in that neighborhood. This proposal comes from discussions between the Neighborhood Taskforce, Assistant City Solicitor John Flor, and the attorney for Salt Marsh Foods on Potter Street. The commercial vehicles service Salt Marsh Foods but are not employees of the company. Salt Marsh Foods has instructed its own drivers to not use Oakland Street, but cannot control the routes of external drivers. Both Attorney Flor and the Attorney for Salt Marsh Foods think this could be a solution.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Hugh C. Dunn,  
Councillor Ward Three

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