

NOTICE OF DECISION

Case No.: 150, Minor Amendment #1

Address: Amgen Cambridge Research Center
One Kendall Square, Building 1000
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Zoning: Industry B District

Owners/Applicants: Amgen Massachusetts, c/o Amgen Cambridge Research Center
One Kendall Square, Building 1000
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Date of Filing the
Special Permit Decision: July 28, 1999

**Date of Application for
Minor Amendment #1: January 11, 2006**

**Date of Decision on
Minor Amendment #1: January 17, 2006**

**Application: Request to amend Condition # 3(g) of the Special Permit
Decision to allow subsidies for employee parking in the One
Kendall Square Garage.**

Decision: GRANTED with conditions

Documents Submitted:

1. Letter to Barbara Shaw, Chair of the Planning Board, from Jill Rapp, Manager, Human Resources, dated 1/11/06, requesting the change, including Appendix B outlining transportation related benefits provided to employees of similar companies in the Kendall Square area.
2. Memo to the Planning Board from Jean F. Clark, PTDM Officer, dated 1/17/06.

Findings

Based on the testimony provided to the Planning Board at its regularly scheduled meeting of January 17, 2006 by Amgen representatives David Goggin, Government Affairs and Jill Rapp, Human Resources and discussion with City staff, and after review of the application documents and other material presented to the Board, the Planning Board makes the following findings:

1. The requested change to the conditions of the original decision is a Minor Amendment as defined in Section 12.37 of the Zoning Ordinance. The change makes no alteration to the development as originally approved, but rather makes adjustments to the operation of that building as experience with its occupancy suggests is appropriate. The substance and intent of the original Special Permit is not changed.
2. The requested change is fully consistent with the objectives of the original Condition in light of experience with the occupancy of the building and conditions imposed by the Planning Board on subsequently approved developments to serve the same objective: to minimize single occupancy vehicle trips to the site. The applicant will continue to be subject to monitoring by and reporting requirements to the City that will ensure continued review of the effect of the change on employee behavior and mode shifts for travel to work.
3. The Planning Board finds that tying the approved parking reimbursement to a percentage of the actual cost of that the parking service is reasonable (not to exceed to 50% of the cost of parking at the One Kendall Square Garage). The application of the percentage formula will allow the benefit to adjust to the inevitable increases in the cost of parking over time, without necessitating further amendment of the Special Permit by the Planning Board.
4. In granting the amended Condition #3g, the Planning Board finds it reasonable to require the Permittee to provide a financial benefit to employees who choose to walk or bike to work in order to encourage such particularly beneficial behavior.

Decision

Based on the above findings, the Planning Board **GRANTS** the requested Minor Amendment and deletes the existing Condition #3g and substitutes therefor the following:

3(g). The Permittee shall be allowed to subsidized parking to employees in an amount not to exceed 50% (fifty percent) of the monthly parking fees paid by employees who park in the One Kendall Square Garage. Employees with disabilities who commute to work by automobile shall continue to receive 100% (one hundred percent) subsidization for parking in the One Kendall Square Garage. Employees who reside in Cambridge, MA are disqualified from receiving reimbursement under this section. The proponent will reserve preferential parking spaces in the One Kendall Square Garage for high occupancy vehicles. Utilization data from the permittee's parking reimbursement program shall be included in the permittee's annual Traffic Data Survey submission to the City of Cambridge.

The Permittee shall simultaneously institute a financial benefit to employees who walk or bicycle to work

This section shall take effect January 1, 2006.

Voting in the affirmative to **GRANT** the minor amendment to the Special Permit were: B. Shaw, T. Anninger, H. Russell, P. Winters, T. Carpenter, W. Tibbs, and J. Molinsky, Associate Member appointed for the vacant Planning Board position, constituting more than two thirds of the members of the Planning Board.

For the Planning Board,

Barbara Shaw, Chair

A copy of this decision shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk. Appeals if any shall be made pursuant to Section 17, Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Laws, and shall be filed within twenty (20) days after the date of such filing in the Office of the City Clerk.

ATTEST: A true and correct copy of the above decision filed with the Office of the City Clerk on March 22, 2006 by Elizabeth M. Paden, authorized representative of the Cambridge Planning Board. All plans referred to in the decision have likewise been filed with the City Clerk on such date.

Twenty days have elapsed since the filing of this decision.

No Appeal has been filed.

DATE:

City Clerk,
City of Cambridge