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## **CITY CREATES PARKWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT TO STUDY AREAS ALONG ROUTE 16**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr., through the Board of Aldermen and the City Council put a temporary halt to new construction along a designated of Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea Street and Spring Street. The temporary measure will allow the City to complete a Zoning and Re-Use study of the area, part of the Mayor's visioning project for the city.

"This is a valuable area of the city," states Mayor DeMaria, "and we want to make sure that we're developing Route 16 and the Parkway for the best possible uses."

The Parkway Overlay District stretches the Chelsea line along Route 16, to Spring Street and as far up as Chelsea Street. The moratorium halts new construction and demolition in the area, allowing for minimal repairs and remodeling to continue as outlined by the building department.

The Parkway Overlay District is the first of many areas in the city the Mayor is targeting. With the overlay district in place, the Mayor is taking a stronger look at areas that will be instrumental in developing Everett for the future. The goals of the program – to strengthen job opportunities in the area, lead economic growth within the surrounding municipalities, and gain greater understanding of the needs of residents in the area.

Looking ahead, Mayor DeMaria also is focusing on the future impact of business and industry in the area. The City is looking to develop more diversified uses, mixed commercial, residential, professional, as well as understand the implications of current Zoning requirements and their relationship to industry and residents in the area.

"This is a great starting point in our Master Planning process," says Mayor DeMaria, "with our close proximity to Boston, Everett is an ideal location for all types of

development. We'll look at every available area of the city, Everett Square, Glendale Square and our other business districts and make sure development we attract is the most beneficial for the growth of our city.”

Although no official timetable is available, the Mayor expects to complete the process within the allotted six month timetable.

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