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## Boston City Council to explore ways to curb bad driving habits, like 'pig parking'

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Finding ways to curb inconsiderate driving maneuvers – like “pig parking” – will be the focus of a City Council hearing this week that will explore ways to improve traffic in Boston.

City Councilor Matt O’Malley called for the hearing that hopes to look at ways to alleviate gridlock and slowed traffic, in part by improving signage and by raising public awareness about poor driving behavior that can lead to congested streets.

Among the list of bad habits O’Malley is concerned about are: bicycling laws not being obeyed and drivers blocking intersections.

The councilor also hopes to see fewer drivers parking outside of the lines designating a space, a practice also known as “pig parking.” The term was coined in the HBO series “Curb Your Enthusiasm” by the show’s star and creator, Larry David

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creator, Larry David.

In an episode of Season 8, David is standing on a sidewalk and sees a man drive his SUV into an angled space, parking about a foot over the line into the next, empty space.

“You’re taking up two spaces and the next car is also going to be taking up two spaces,” David says to the driver. “Then you’re going to leave and then that car is gonna get blamed. This is chaos. Society can’t function like this.”

“It’s not an open field,” he adds later. “It’s not a farm. Just park your car between the lines. It’s not that hard.”

David, like always, does not back down when the driver says he should mind his own business.

“Have a nice day,” the driver says sarcastically, as their one minute exchange concludes.

“Ok. I will. I’m sure you will, too, at everyone else’s expense,” David replies.

A City Council committee will hold the public hearing Tuesday at 10 a.m. in City Hall.

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