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To HaMoked Center for the Defence of the Individual 4 Abu Obeida Street Jerusalem

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: <u>Absence of Meters in the east part of the city</u> Ref.: your letter dated April 14, 2015

I hereby respectfully respond to your above referenced letter.

Meters

Firstly, it should be clarified that there is no lawful source which obligates the municipality to install meters throughout the city, in general, or in the east part of the city, in particular.

The governing rule on this issue, which was established by the supreme court in its judgments is that the absence of accessible payment devices in regulated parking areas (in the case at hand, meters) cannot exempt the citizen from the obligation imposed on him to pay for parking.

The municipality installed more than once dozens of meters throughout the east part of the city. However, as a result of **severe vandalism and heavy damages** which were caused to the meters by the local inhabitants, it was finally decided not to re-install them.

The contractors engaged by the municipality are no longer willing to bear the heavy costs involved in the installation of meters therein, given the numerous damages which were caused, as the applicant which is familiar with the situation on scene, surely knows.

Absence of defined schedules and dates for paid parking:

In all regulated parking areas in the east part of the city traffic signs were installed by the traffic signage authority consisting of parking days and parking times (Traffic sign 439 is installed underneath traffic sign 626 consisting of parking directives). See attached file.

Parking lot near the Ministry of Interior in Wadi Joz

As a result of the fact that residents who did not seek the services of the Ministry of Interior parked in the above lot all day long, a parking problem was created. For the purpose of preventing parking of vehicles (which are not related to the Ministry of Interior) and the need to have parking turnover, regulated parking was introduced for the benefit of the individuals who seek the services of the Ministry of Interior and Employment Bureau.

In addition, the municipality inspectors ensured that criminals would not take over and charge payment as they please.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

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