

Mr. interim Mayor, Councilors:

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First, let me join you in lauding the efforts of our public works dept. in their struggles to keep up with this extraordinary winter. It's certainly been a trying first month for everyone.

The subject of my concern today is the practice and policy of our Traffic Dept. of ticketing cars parked on residential side streets designated as snow emergency no parking zones, ***when there is no intention of actually towing the cars and plowing the street !***

This practice would seem to serve no purpose at all other than to generate vast quantities of ill will and some minuscule amount of revenue.

Now surely you realize that for most people there just isn't any alternative parking available. Most resident parkers are well aware of the designated areas, and given a couple of hours warning, maybe using the same sound truck system employed for street cleaning mornings, many would be able to temporarily vacate the street to accommodate the plows. Those unable to respond would, as on street any street cleaning day, be ticketed and towed. Even for those suffering this indignity, it would be so much easier to swallow if we actually ended up with a cleared street for our money and trouble.

Most of us understand that it is not the traffic officers in the street who are due excoriation over this policy, but the executive decision makers who are issuing the orders and directing operations. It irks me to think that my tax dollars are being used to help supply an executive salary to someone capable of such witless exploitation of a helpless citizenry under these circumstances and conditions.

I urge you to take immediate steps to insure that your constituents not suffer this bizarre and seemingly pointless practice in the future.

Thanks for your considerate attention.

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Communication was received from Michael R. Buck, transmitting concern regarding the ticketing of cars parked on residential streets designated as snow emergency no parking zones.

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