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Dear City Councilors:

I thought that you might be interested in the attached letter to the editor of the Cambridge Tab. Perhaps you can apply some of my ideas to keep the streets and sidewalks of Cambridge clear of ice and snow. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Letters to the Editor
Cambridge Tab
1254 Chestnut St.
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To the Editor:

I was amused to read in the 20 January Cambridge Tab that "After the next snowstorm, Cambridge will strictly enforce the city ordinance which requires residents to remove snow and ice from sidewalks bordering their property" and that "violators of this ordinance can be fined \$50." I've seen very little evidence that anyone paid any attention. The sidewalks in my neighborhood and along Mass. Ave. are the iciest I've even seen in Cambridge.

How much money has been collected in fines so far? If every property owner along Mass. Ave. between Central Square and Harvard Square who failed to clear his/her sidewalk were fined \$50 there would be plenty of money to use to plow the streets after the next snowstorm. If every lazy property owner in Cambridge were fined, we could probably pay off the national debt. While that would be nice, I'd much prefer to be able to walk down the sidewalks without worrying about every step. Perhaps the Public Works Department and the police could team up to help Cantabrigians rediscover their sense of civic duty?

Sincerely,

Michael R. Nelson

cc: Cambridge City Council

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Comm. from Michael R. Nelson, transmitting a copy of hsi letter to the Cambridge Tab Re: ideas for keeping Cambridge streets & sidewalks clear of ice & snow.

In City Council,

February 23, 1987

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