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Robert Healy
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RE: COUNCIL ORDER #036 - DATED 1/22/96

Dear Mr. Healy:

The Cambridge Fire Department has a history of being active in the clearing of hydrants after significant snow falls. This requires our companies to travel the streets while snow clearing operations are being conducted.

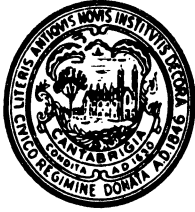
Our procedure when an impassable street is found is to notify the Public Works Department. If the problem is caused by an improperly parked vehicle the Police Department is notified and towing is requested. The Deputy Fire Chiefs patrol their assigned divisions and they also report the conditions in the same fashion as the companies.

The Cambridge Fire Department uses response procedures that require Companies responding to a fire to use two (2) or more different routes of response. This enhances the capability of arriving at the fire scene in a timely manner even under difficult road conditions.

Respectfully,

Kevin J. Fitzgerald
Chief of Department

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March 4, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 16, regarding clearing all emergency arteries that are narrow streets and developing a plan to clear whole blocks, Public Works Commissioner Ralph Dunphy reports the following:

DPW is prepared to coordinate with the Police, Fire and Traffic, Parking & Transportation Departments to develop a plan for clearing snow on all City streets.

To develop a plan for the wholesale removal of snow block-by-block will take several months to complete and any such plan will be extremely costly if implemented.

A plan for clearing of snow curb to curb on arteries and secondary streets can be coordinated and developed. Under normal circumstances, such a plan may be development in three to six months time.

In addition, please find attached a response received from Fire Chief Kevin Fitzgerald.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #5

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Relating to Awaiting Report
Item Number Sixteen, regarding
clearing all emergency arteries
that are narrow streets and developing
a plan to clear whole blocks.

In City Council March 4, 1996

Placed on file.