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Acts and Resolves

PAUL GUZZI, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Chap. 239. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRAFFIC DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE TO APPOINT TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS AND TO PROMULGATE
REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWING AND REMOVAL OF REPEATEDLY TAGGED MOTOR
VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 455 of the acts of 1961 is hereby amended by striking out the fifth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:- Upon recommendation of the traffic director, the city manager shall have the authority to create subordinate staff positions in the department of traffic and parking including parking control officers. The traffic director shall make appointments to such subordinate positions.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 455, as most recently amended by chapter 340 of the acts of 1972, is hereby further amended by adding the following clause:-

(e) The traffic director may promulgate regulations that provide that any sergeant or officer of higher rank in the police department may cause to be removed to some convenient place by towing by an independent contractor any vehicle, except a vehicle owned by the commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof or by the United States or an instrumentality thereof or registered by a member of a foreign

diplomatic corps or by a foreign consular officer who is not a citizen of the United States and bearing a distinctive number plate otherwise conspicuously marked as so owned or registered, and except a vehicle owned by a disabled veteran and bearing a distinctive number plate authorized by the General Laws which is parked or standing on any part of any street, way, highway, road or parkway if in the calendar year in which such vehicle is so removed and in the preceding calendar year, five or more notices, in the aggregate, have been affixed to said vehicle, as provided in section twenty C of chapter ninety of the General Laws, and remain unpaid and the cost of such removal and of storage charges resulting therefrom, in accordance with the traffic regulations then in effect, shall be imposed upon the owner of such vehicle. Any such vehicle so removed shall be held until all charges imposed for such removal and storage following the same have been paid and due notice has been received that the fines provided in such notices affixed to said vehicle have been paid or security for the payment thereof has been deposited. The police department shall promptly mail written notice to the registered owner of any such vehicle so removed, directed to the address furnished by the registry of motor vehicles or comparable agency of the state in which said vehicle is registered, stating the date on which such vehicle was removed, the location to which such vehicle has been removed, and a statement that such vehicle shall be released by the police on the payment of all fines, storage and towing charges due. Any such vehicle so removed shall be deemed to have been abandoned and may be disposed of in accordance with section twenty-two C of said chapter ninety if, within thirty days of the mailing of

the notice to the registered owner as provided for herein, said owner has not paid all charges imposed for such removal and storage following the same and the fines provided in such notices affixed to said vehicle or security for the payment thereof has been deposited.

Approved May 27, 1977

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Comm. from the City Clerk transmitting Advance Copy of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1977 the same being "An Act Authorizing the Traffic Director of the City of Cambridge to Appoint Traffic Control Officers and to Promulgate Regulations for the Towing and Removal of Repeatedly Tagged Motor Vehicles"

In City Council,

June 20, 1977

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