

WINTER STORM INFORMATION

1995/1996

During the winter months, the City of Cambridge may implement city-wide parking bans. These parking bans are enforced when the City receives notice of snow storms which have predicted accumulations of 6 or more inches of snow, sleet, ice or other inclement conditions.

WINTER PARKING BAN TELEPHONE LINE 349-4700

THE REASONS FOR PARKING BANS

- Reduces snow plowing costs 20-30 percent per storm
- Allows snow to be pushed directly to the curb which results in
 - a) wider streets & roadways during winter months for driving and on-street parking
 - b) open roadway drainage systems
 - c) reduced snow removal costs
- Removal of on-street obstructions allows for faster plowing speed, thereby decreasing plowing response time and culminating the possibility of unplowed streets
- Allows faster movement of emergency vehicles (fire, medical and police units) during winter storms
- Reduces property damage to private and municipal equipment

PARKING BAN NEWS

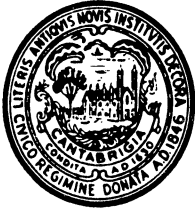
The City of Cambridge will give public notices of an impending parking ban utilizing the following methods:

- Winter parking ban telephone line is 349-4700
- Radio & television announcements on Boston's commercial broadcasting stations, and on Cambridge Public Access television system (Cable TV-channel 37)

During snow storm parking bans, the City of Cambridge prohibits parking on **both** sides of all main streets and arteries. Parking is also prohibited on secondary roads where signs have been posted. (Usually signs are posted on one side only)

REMEMBER TO SHOVEL ALL SIDEWALKS

Property owners and persons responsible for the maintenance of any building bordering a sidewalk are responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalk within twelve hours after snow ceases to fall in the daytime, and before 1PM after a snowfall during the evening. In addition, all ice must be removed from the sidewalk or covered with salt, sand or other suitable substance, within six hours after the sidewalk becomes covered with ice. Failure to comply with this Ordinance will result in a warning for the first violation and a \$25 per day ticket as well as a possible liability claims against you and/or your insurance company in the event of a personal injury to a pedestrian. Citizens are encouraged to help enforce this Ordinance by reporting violations to 349-4800, 4860 or 4862.



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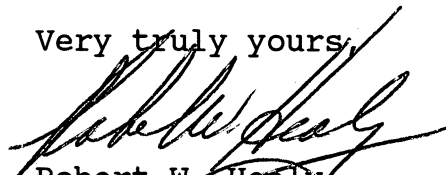
June 12, 1995

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #37 regarding public information on sidewalk snow and ice clearance to be included in the fall tax bills, please be advised on the following:

The Public Works Department has prepared the attached Winter Storm Information Sheet, which will be disseminated in the fall. According to the Finance Director, disseminating information with the tax bills is not the most effective way to reach property owners; experience shows that people tend to review the bill, and disregard the remaining information. Instead, we are planning on doing a separate bulk rate mailing in the fall to property owners to disseminate information on snow and ice clearance and winter parking bans.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachment

Consent Agenda # 8

S-209

Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Thirty-Seven regarding public information
on sidewalk snow and ice clearance.

In City Council,

June 12, 1995

Placed on file