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DEPARTMENT OF
TRAFFIC & PARKING

George Teso
Director

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PRESS RELEASE IMMEDIATELY:

During last week's snow storms, the City of Cambridge put into operation its new snow emergency procedures. Although these new procedures were quite effective in that the major streets were plowed to the curb, some of the side streets still were not plowed as good as we would have liked. It was a joint effort by the Public Works Department, Police Department and Traffic Department coordinating the tagging, towing and plowing that proved to be the difference in a good job or bad job. It is our opinion that during the next storm, if the residents of Cambridge cooperate even more than they did during last week's storms, the streets will be plowed faster and more efficiently. The City also ticketed 550 vehicles and towed 223 cars during these storms and we believe that with the cooperation of the people, these figures will decrease as many people realize now that the City of Cambridge intends to plow its streets and that we will tag and tow.

Although these procedures and plans are designed to do the job, the most critical part of this plan will be the cooperation of the people of Cambridge, along with the departments responsible for the snow plowing operations. There are some basic rules that should be followed to insure that all emergency vehicles have access to all areas of the City and that our snow plows can plow the streets. If all the people who park in violation of the laws realize that by removing their vehicles as soon as an emergency is declared, the faster the streets can be plowed and the faster the snow emergency can be removed.

Anytime during the winter months that snow is forecast, listen to the radio and television. We will make frequent announcements concerning snow emergencies. Familiarize yourself with the signs posted on your street. Every street in the City is posted with snow emergency signs. Do not park on that side of the street. You must also remember that these emergency regulations are added to the existing regulations.

As soon as the snow emergency is declared over, you can return to the street and park.

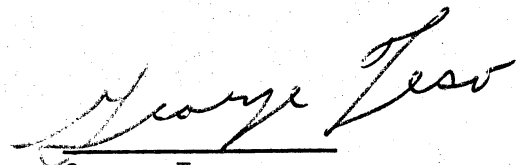
It maybe necessary after a snow emergency is over to designate streets with temporary emergency snow removal signs and any vehicle obstructing this operation will be towed.

During a snow emergency listen to the radio or watch television for announcements and if you have any questions concerning snow emergencies, the Department of Traffic and Parking will be open 24 hours a day to answer them or refer you to someone who can. The telephone number of the Traffic Department is:

876-6800, Ext. 314

I must also warn the parker who violates the snow emergency regulations that any motorist who is parked illegally during a snow emergency will be tagged and towed. If your vehicle is towed, it will cost you \$15.00 for the parking ticket, \$25.00 for the towing charge and \$2.00 per day for storage. This means that if your car is towed during a snow emergency, it will cost you \$42.00.

Thank you for your cooperation.


George Teso
Traffic Director

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Comm. received from George Teso, relative
to the new snow emergency procedures.

In City Council,
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