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PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF
TRAFFIC & PARKING

George Teso
Director

The City of Cambridge is now in the process of prosecuting owners of property who fail to remove snow or ice from the sidewalks abutting their property as required by Chapter 17, Article 11, Section 17-79 of the Ordinances of The City of Cambridge titled "Responsibilities of Owners or Occupants for Snow and Ice Removal". Any person violating this Article shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.

The Parking Control Officers of the Traffic and Parking Department upon observing a sidewalk that has not been cleared will attach a Warning Notice to the door of the property involved stating the law. If after a twenty four (24) hour period the sidewalk is not cleared a complaint will be issued by the Court to the owner of the property.

The owner will then have to appear in Court to answer questions as to why he violated a City Ordinance. To avoid this problem and to insure that pedestrians especially elderly ones can get around we are asking all owners of property to clean their sidewalks of ice and snow.

George Teso
Traffic Director

January 17, 1978



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WARNING

THIS PROPERTY IS IN VIOLATION OF
THE SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE
SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT
EXCEEDING FIFTY DOLLARS.

LOCATION OF VIOLATION

OFFICER

A.M.

P.M.

DATE

TIME

THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF PRIVATE
PROPERTY IS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE
SIDEWALK CLEAR OF ICE AND SNOW.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS NOTICE
FOR ORDINANCES THAT REQUIRE THAT
YOU CLEAN THE AREA IN FRONT OF YOUR
HOME OR BUSINESS.

No. 0501



RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER OR OCCUPANT FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

You are hereby notified that Chapter 17, Article II, Section
17-79, of the Ordinances of the City of Cambridge reads as
follows:

Sec. 17-79. Responsibilities of owners or occupants for snow and ice removal.

(a) Removal of snow from sidewalks. The owner or occupant of private
property bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway
shall, within twelve (12) hours after snow ceases to fall in the daytime
and before 1:00 P.M. after a fall of snow during the night, cause all
snow that may be on such sidewalk or footway to be removed
therefrom. In the event of an unusually heavy snowfall, the time limit
shall be extended at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public
Works. The provisions of this Section shall apply to snow which
falls from buildings as well as to that which falls from the clouds.

(b) Removal of ice from sidewalks. The owner or occupant of private
property bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway,
any portion of which is encumbered by ice shall within six (6) hours
after the sidewalk or footway becomes encumbered with ice cause
such sidewalk or footway to be made safe and convenient by
removing the ice therefrom, or by keeping the same covered with
sand or some other suitable substance.

Sec. 17-80. Penalty.

(b) Any person who violated Section 17-79 of this Article shall be
subject to a fine not exceeding Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars. Each days
violation shall constitute a separate offense.

You are requested forthwith to comply with the requirements of the
Ordinance or a citation for violation will be sought in the Cambridge
District Court.

RUSSELL B. HUBLEY
CITY SOLICITOR



Comm. from George Teso, Traffic Director,
re: prosecution for failure to remove snow
or ice from the sidewalks,

In City Council,
Jan. 23, 1978

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