



# City of Cambridge

43.

Amended Order

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 22, 1996

COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Department of Public Works and the MBTA for the purpose of getting all public sidewalks near the Lechmere Station and the Alewife Station area from Clifton Street over to the Head Station cleared of snow in a timely fashion, especially those which are the responsibility of the City of Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager report back to the City Council whether this snow clearance was done and when, and if it will continue to be done on a regular basis when needed.

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Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

I am writing to you after many attempts to solve a persistent problem.

On the Cambridge Street side of Lechmere Station (directly across the street from the candy factory), there has been no snow removal at all. This stretch of sidewalk is the only portion of Cambridge Street that is totally impassable. There are parking meters along this portion of the street, and the snow is nearly to the top of the meters; I would venture to guess that no one has been able to feed the meters for quite some time (I would also guess that the meters cannot be emptied). More to the point, it is impossible to enter or leave Lechmere Station without walking out into the street (and into heavy traffic).

This problem has persisted for as long as I can remember. I have tried calling the Public Works department, but there has been no response other than to thank me for calling and tell me "they'll look into it."

Many years ago, the question of who is responsible for this stretch of the street came up; the MBTA and the City of Cambridge each felt the other was responsible. Finally, it was agreed that if the T put up a chain link fence at the edge of its property, the city would be responsible for everything outside the fence. This made sense since there were parking meters along the sidewalk, which are clearly city property. Unfortunately, the city has never lived up to its end of the agreement, and the snow piles up every year. The victims, of course, are the citizens trying to get into and out of the station.

What in the world is the big deal? It wouldn't take much time at all for the city to clear that relatively small length of sidewalk; it seems obvious that someone made a conscious decision to ignore it and nobody seems to care. I'm tired of having to walk in the street, and I would guess that the city would like to begin collecting from those parking meters again (if people are getting ticketed for not feeding the meters it's even more unfair--and I'll bet all of those tickets are being appealed).



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Ordered: that the C.M. be & hereby is requested to confer w/ the D.P.W & the MBTA for the purpose of getting all <sup>public</sup> sidewalks near the Lechmere Station cleared of snow in a timely fashion; especially those which are the responsibility of the City of Cambridge. and be it further

Ordered: that the C.M. report back to the Council whether this ~~will be~~ <sup>clear snow</sup> clearance ~~do~~ was done and when, and if it will continue to be done on a regular basis when needed.

attach letter

Subj: snow at Lechmere  
Date: 96-01-16 11:16:51 EST  
From: mibs@eecs.MIT.EDU (Mibsy Brooks)  
Reply-to: mibs@eecs.MIT.EDU  
To: fduehay@mcimail.com  
CC: kathyborn@aol.com

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*Duehay, Galluccio, Russell, Sullivan*  
Consent Order #43 *Torney*

Councillor Born re: Confer with the  
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*Triantafiller*

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*Order adopted as amended*