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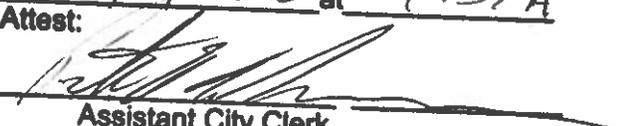
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EVERETT, MA 02149**

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **C0037-26** Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the Director of Inspectional Services appear at the next Government Operations, Public Service & Public Safety committee meeting to answer questions about the most recent snow storm.

2. **C0055-26** Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That a representative from the DPW appear at the next Government Operations committee meeting to answer questions for transparency regarding snow removal planning and strategy during snowstorms and post storm street clean up

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted:

Michael J. Mangan

Legislative Aide
Everett City Council Office



City of
Everett
Massachusetts

C0037-26

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

Date: February 9, 2026

Agenda Item:

That the Director or Inspectional Services appear at the next Government Operations, Public Service & Public Safety committee meeting to answer questions about the most recent snow storm.

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:

From: [David Palumbo](#)
To: [Michael Mangan](#); [Peter Pietrantonio](#)
Cc: [Scott Martinelli](#)
Subject: RE: ISD
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 12:59:51 PM

Hi Peter,

Following up on your questions:

Plan for coverage after the storm:

Yes. Scott Martinelli requested that Code Enforcement come in one hour early on Monday morning and stay one hour later to assist with post-storm operations.

Staffing:

Five Code Enforcement inspectors were on duty. They were on the clock as part of a normal business day and are considered essential employees during snow emergencies.

Warnings issued:

A total of 40 warnings were given.

Tickets issued:

A total of 48 tickets were issued.

Please let me know if you need anything else

David Palumbo
Director of ISD/ Building Commissioner
City of Everett, MA 02149
Inspectional Services Department
617-394-2224
David.Palumbo@ci.everett.ma.us

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Mangan <Michael.Mangan@ci.everett.ma.us>
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 9:21 AM
To: David Palumbo <David.Palumbo@ci.everett.ma.us>
Cc: Peter Pietrantonio <Peter.Pietrantonio@ci.everett.ma.us>
Subject: FW: ISD

Good morning Dave,

Councilor Pietrantonio would like you to appear at the next Government Operations committee meeting to answer some questions including the ones below. We have not scheduled a meeting for that committee as of yet. When we do, I will let you know.

Thanks, Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Pietrantonio <Peter.Pietrantonio@ci.everett.ma.us>

Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 7:58 AM

To: Michael Mangan <Michael.Mangan@ci.everett.ma.us>

Subject: ISD

Mike

Can you send Dave Palermo a request for him to attend our next meeting. I have several questions about the last snow storm.

1. Did he have a plan for his group to come in the next day after the storm?
- 2 If so how many employees were on the clock?
- 3 How many warning did they give out?
- 4 How many tickets did they give out?

Peter Pietrantonio

Sent from my iPhone

☑ **Section 17-6A Removal of Snow From Sidewalks.**

(C0099-14; C0434-20; amended as part of October 2021 update)

- (a) This section shall only apply during a snow emergency as called by the police chief or his designee.
- (b) This section shall apply to all residences, businesses and all other properties abutting a paved sidewalk – including, but not limited to, properties owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all departments and agencies of the city, houses of worship and nonprofit entities. All provisions of this section shall apply to both natural and unnatural accumulations of snow.
- (c) The owner of land or of a building abutting any highway, street, lane, court, square or public way, where there is a footway or sidewalk duly established in the city shall make said sidewalk convenient for public use or travel by removing any accumulated snow thereon.
- (d) Sidewalks should be cleared to provide a minimum passage of 36 inches in width or approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ the sidewalk's width, whichever is less.
- (e) All snow must be removed from property described in subsections (b) and (c) of this section within 12 hours of the formal declaration that the snow emergency has ended or after the snowfall has ended, as applicable. In the event of an unusually heavy snowfall or other exigent circumstances, the time limit may be extended at the discretion of the executive director of the department of public works or his agent. All bus stops must be cleared within 24 hours of the formal declaration that the snow emergency has ended or after the snowfall has ended, as applicable.
- (f) Waiver. To qualify for a waiver, all owners of record must occupy the premises as their primary residence. Application for a waiver must be submitted, with all supporting documentation, to the office of assessing by the first day of November preceding the upcoming winter. If these 2 requirements are satisfied, waivers shall be granted in the following circumstances:
 - (1) A waiver shall be awarded if all owners qualify for and receive the elderly exemption on their property taxes;
 - (2) A waiver shall be awarded if all owners are deemed physically incapable of complying with this section and whose combined annual income does not exceed 133 percent of the federal poverty level. A letter, from a medical doctor, stating that a disability exists that prevents the home owner from shoveling must be provided to the city;
 - (3) Owners of multi-unit residential dwellings shall be eligible for waivers if all of the following applies:
 - a. All owners of record occupy the premises as their primary residence; and
 - b. All owners of record meet criteria provided elsewhere in this provision.

Any waiver granted shall be valid for 1 year from the date of issuance. The office of assessing shall maintain a list of all waivers granted.

(g) Fines.

- (1) Whoever is in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine in accordance with MGL c.85, §5.
- (2) The first offense of this section shall be punished by warning.
- (3) Any subsequent offenses shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- (4) Each 24-hour period of continued violation, following notice of the initial violation to the owner by the city, shall constitute a separate offense for which a separate and additional

fine may be imposed.

- (5) The fine structuring system, as indicated above, shall restart with each declared snow emergency and/or separate snow event.
- (h) Appeals. Fines shall be appealed in accordance with MGL Chapter 40U.
- (i) Notice. The city shall publish an annual notice on the city's website and ECTV, in multiple languages, in Spanish, Haitian-Creole and Portuguese in the city during the months of October, November and December that snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours after snowfall has ended.
- (j) Severability. Should any subsection or portion of this section be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the section as a whole or any part thereof, other than that portion so declared to be invalid.

Section 17-7 Fences or Buildings on Lines of Public Ways.

(Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 17, § 23; Ord. of 11-27-95(3); A0173-12)

- (a) No person shall erect, or cause to be erected, any fence or building on the line of any public way without first ascertaining the bounds of the street from the city engineer.
- (1) If any encroachment shall be made upon any street or way, and the party making it neglects or refuses to remove the same after notice so to do, the city services commission may remove the same at the expense of the owner and shall cause the persons so offending to be prosecuted for such offense.
- (b) No person shall erect any fence to a height of less than eight (8) feet above ground level on any side that has barbed wire or razor wire mounted on the top of such fence.
- (1) Any fence erected with barbed or razor wire mounted on the top is prohibited on or adjacent to residential use property.

Section 17-8 Gasoline, etc., Pumps in Sidewalks.

(Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 17, § 24)

No person shall be granted a permit or license to erect a gasoline pump or pump of similar nature in the sidewalk of any public street or way within the city.

Section 17-9 Encroachment by Gates, Doors.

(Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 17, § 26)

No person shall allow any gate or door belonging to premises under his legal control, and adjoining any public way, to swing on, over or into a public way.

Section 17-10 Openings, etc., to Cellars, Basements, etc., in Public Way--Permit Required.

(Rev. Ords. 1976, Pt. 2, Ch. 17, § 27; A0173-12)

No person shall erect or maintain a passageway or other opening to any cellar, basement or other structure in or upon any public way, without a license therefor from the city council, and shall execute a bond to the city in such a sum as the city council may prescribe.

Section 17-11 Same--Guards and Lighting.

#2-C0037-26

Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service Committee
February 19, 2026

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00pm in City Council Chambers.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Holly Garcia, presiding and Councilors Michele Capone, Stephanie Martins and Peter Pietrantonio.

The Committee met on a Resolution offered by Councilor Peter Pietrantonio: That the Director of Inspectional Services appear at this meeting to answer questions about the recent snow storm.

Director of Inspectional Services David Palumbo was invited but was not present.

Councilor Pietrantonio explained that he had spoken to Mr. Palumbo who had informed him that he would be unable to attend this meeting. Councilor Pietrantonio requested that the matter be granted further time in Committee.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees



C0055-26

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

Date: February 23, 2026

Agenda Item:

That a representative from the DPW appear at the next Government Operations committee meeting to answer questions for transparency regarding snow removal planning and strategy during snowstorms and post storm street clean up

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:

1. Which routes are covered by DPW v. contractors?
2. Who are our current outside contractors?
3. When do we start salting?
4. What types of storms require salting?
5. When do we start towing?
6. Who covers our city properties?
7. Who is responsible for school properties?
8. How often should people expect plows to go up their street?
9. How long until we tow a car that has not been moved with snow covering it?
10. Did the schools only hire one contractor?
11. What is the strategy to clean up our streets the days following the storm?
12. Are there supervisors checking that the work is being completed?
13. Does the DPW have daily target goals for work to be completed?
14. Please provide the breakdown of how many dpw staff we would have working during a snow storm, their specific function, and their shifts.
15. What is the strategy/plan to cover each area of the city?
16. Is there a supervisor driving around verifying that work is being complete?
17. Is the DPW also responsible for removing snow piles on side streets with two sided parking where one side is still blocked by snow? What is the timeframe after a storm for that to happen?
18. Why did we start towing so late last time?
19. Are staff still getting overtime if they are sleeping during/between shifts?