

AD HOC REPORT Snow Emergency Protocol

Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
Common Council Members

September 17, 2008

Chairman Knapp called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M. In attendance were committee members Councilmen Visconti and Curran. Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Antonio Iadarola, P.E., Director of Public Works; Mayor Mark Boughton; Councilman Cavo ex-officio and members of the public. Councilman Saadi ex-officio entered the meeting at 5:53PM.

Chairman Knapp stated that the meeting was at the request of Mayor Boughton. The Mayor asked for clarification to the ordinance regarding towing and snow emergency levels.

Mayor Boughton gave an overview of the current three levels of the Snow Emergency Protocol. There is some confusion among the residents regarding on street parking, when enforcement of the ordinance takes effect and the declaration a snow emergency. Any time the trucks begin plowing should be considered a snow emergency.

Atty. Pinter offered comments for changes to the ordinance. The Mayor declares a snow emergency after consultation with the Director of Public Works.

Due to the unique variation of storms last winter, Mr. Iadarola stated that he is concerned about the timeframe when a storm begins and the declaration of a snow emergency. The Director of Public Works and the Mayor consult to coordinate a joint declaration and draw the protocol into action. Mr. Iadarola stressed that cars parked street side cause a great deal of problems for the movement and safety of the plows. The Director of Public Works advised that the residents usually have a couple of hours to move their cars following the first round of sanding.

Councilman Curran and Councilman Visconti made inquiries regarding the amount of time needed to distribute the snow alerts, parking at the Patriot Garage parking, details of the snow emergency levels and mobilization of tow trucks.

Atty. Pinter suggested the following:

That a snow emergency pursuant to the ordinance is deemed to be in effect upon declaration of the Mayor, in conjunction with consultation with the Director of Public Works, and upon dispatch of snowplows, the protocol would be deemed in effect upon the occurrence of the aforementioned. The City will use all means to notify the public.

Councilman Curran moved to accept the language proposed by Atty. Pinter for snow emergencies and craft the ordinance for the next Common Council meeting in order to send it to a public hearing. Seconded by Councilman Visconti. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Mr. Visconti moved to adjourn at 6:05P.M. Seconded by Councilman Calandrino. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Knapp, Chairman

Fred Visconti

Philip Curran



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ORDINANCE

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COMMON COUNCIL

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:
THAT the Code of ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 19-60. Snow emergency.

No vehicle shall be permitted to park or remain stationary on any city street or highway so as to obstruct, hinder or otherwise delay snow-and-ice-control operations. All such vehicles must be removed no later than two (2) hours after the start of a snow emergency, as defined herein, and may be returned after all snow-and-ice-control operations have ceased.

The Police Department is authorized and empowered to take possession of and to remove any parked vehicle or vehicles which obstruct traffic or prevent snow or ice removal on such streets and highways.

The procedure for removing and towing such vehicles shall be the same as that prescribed in this article relating to the removal of illegally parked vehicles. The cost, recording, recovery of such vehicles, violations and penalties are also as prescribed in this article.

A snow emergency, pursuant to this section, is deemed to be in effect once declared by the Mayor, with and after consultation with the Director of Public Works or his designee, and upon the dispatching of snow and ice removal equipment.

Upon such declaration by the Mayor, snow-and-ice-removal protocol, as may be established, shall be deemed to be in effect until the cessation of snow-and-ice-removal operations or as otherwise may be declared.

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The procedure FOR of removing and towing such vehicles shall be the same as that prescribed in this article relating to the removal of illegally parked vehicles. The cost, recording, recovery of such vehicles, violations and penalties are also as prescribed in this article.

A SNOW EMERGENCY, PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, IS DEEMED TO BE IN EFFECT ONCE DECLARED BY THE MAYOR, WITH AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND UPON THE DISPATCHING OF SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL EQUIPMENT.

UPON SUCH DECLARATION BY THE MAYOR, SNOW-AND-ICE-REMOVAL PROTOCOL, AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED, SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE CESSATION OF SNOW-AND-ICE-REMOVAL OPERATIONS OR AS OTHERWISE MAY BE DECLARED.

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