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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CITY SUCCESSFULLY COMBATS BACK-TO-BACK STORMS**

This past week, the City successfully battled two winter storms. Facing a total snowfall of 18 inches, the Department of Public Works tirelessly manned the streets of Everett and continued to do so with the possibility of more storms ahead.

Fifty- five pieces of snow removal equipment, both City-owned and contracted vehicles, along with several snow blowers for City buildings were in circulation this week. Dozens of crews worked coordinated split shifts, utilizing the plows, sanders, bobcat front-end loaders, and sidewalk plows to ensure the safety of the City's main arteries, side streets and sidewalks. In the days following the most recent storm DPW worked diligently both plowing and coordinating snow removal.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "I want to thank residents for their cooperation and hard work during these storms. Throughout the City I saw residents helping each other by shoveling out elderly neighbors and fire hydrants. And of course I also want to thank our DPW crews for their unyielding effort to keep our roads as clear and safe as possible. Their job is not easy and they deserve recognition for a tireless, and often thankless, job."

A true team effort, several departments were essential in assisting DPW with the snow emergencies. The Police, Fire, Emergency 911, Parking Enforcement and Code Enforcement departments all continue to work alongside DPW during snowstorms. The EPD and Parking Enforcement were instrumental in informing residents of snow emergencies and in removing vehicles not in compliance with regulations, so that plow crews could properly clean neighborhoods and streets. The EFD battled snow mounds and uncovered fire hydrants across the city. Code Enforcement inspectors also worked the duration of the storm, and more importantly after the snow fall, doing their best to assure that people do not dump snow back into the cleaned streets or save parking spots with household objects, both which are prohibited by City Ordinance.

The City would like to remind residents of City Ordinances. As you shovel or snow blow please remember it is against City Ordinance to throw snow back into the street and to save spots with space savers.

Also- a city ordinance calls for mandatory snow removal by residents and businesses on abutting sidewalks in the interest of public safety within 24 hours of a storm.

There are some exemptions to the ordinance. Any person who qualifies for or receives the elderly exemption on their property taxes, or any person deemed physically handicapped by their doctor would be deemed a waiver. For those approved for a waiver, the Office of Human Services sponsors a yard work/snow-shoveling referral list. Residents who wish to receive the list or those who wish to be added to this year's list, please contact the Office of Human Services at 617-394-2260.

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