



Information Request from Ordinance Review Committee

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To: "Mayor of Northampton Mass." <mayor@northamptonma.gov>, Alan Wolf <awolf@northamptonma.gov>

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Dear Mayor Sciarra and Alan,

As you may know, one of the topics on the Ordinance Review Committee's priority list for review is [Section 285-17](#), the snow removal ordinance.

In discussion at its May 14th meeting, members wondered if the option of using Parking Enforcement Officers as enforcement officers as provided in this section (see below) has ever been discussed/considered.

If a person is found to be violating the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police, or his/her designee, the Director of Public Works, or his/her designee, or Parking Enforcement Officers, to assess a fine to any such person in accordance with the fine schedule set forth in Chapter **40**, Enforcement, § **40-5**.

Specifically, Ordinance Review Committee members wondered if it would be an option for Parking Enforcement Officers not to write tickets/assess fines, but to play a monitoring/reporting role in reporting unsafe sidewalk conditions to the police. At the [March 24, 2025 City Services Committee](#) meeting, Chief Cartledge reported to the City Services Committee that police routinely follow up on such reports by contacting and educating property owners about the snow removal ordinance and that, in his experience, this is generally successful in achieving compliance.

If this option has been discussed and deemed not to be feasible, please explain the basis for this decision. The Ordinance Review Committee's next regular meeting is Wednesday, June 11th, so if it is possible to have a response in time for that meeting, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much!

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