



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
110 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

*Councillors Spadafora (Chair), Crowe (Vice Chair), Condon,  
Camell, Winslow*

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Tuesday, October 29, 2019

6:00 PM

John & Christina Markey Community Center,  
7 Washington St.

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### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Paul Condon, Peg Crowe and Stephen Winslow

**Absent:** 2 - Councillor Craig Spadafora and David Camell

### Minutes to be Approved

[364-19](#)

Minutes of the Meeting Rules & Ordinance of October 7, 2019.

**A motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

### Business

[64-19](#)

Be it hereby Ordained that Section 35, Subsection 1 of Chapter 11 of the Rules & Ordinance of 1991 be further amended as follows:

1. Insert "or a public crosswalk" after "abutting a public sidewalk";
2. Insert "or crosswalk" after "shall make said sidewalk";
3. Insert "or crosswalk" after "slush from said sidewalk";
4. Strike "Remove snow, slush and ice from said sidewalk within 24 (twenty-four) hours after snowfall has ended or the Public Works Director has declared that snow removal operations are complete." and insert:

"For Non-Commercial Properties" (excluding multifamily properties of 5 or more units) - Remove snow, slush and ice from said sidewalk within 24 (twenty-four) hours after snowfall has ended or the Public Works Director has declared that snow removal operations are complete.

"For Commercial Properties and Multifamily Properties" of 5 or more units - Remove snow, slush and ice from said sidewalk within 12 (twelve) hours after snowfall has ended or the Public Works Director has declared that snow removal operations are complete.

*other people present, Councillor O'Malley, Councillor Sica, Councillor Demaria, DPW Director Knox, Frank Cina from the Disability Commission. Discussions picked up from the prior Oct. 15 Meeting regarding snow removal. Director Knox explained the snow removal operations of the DPW. Councillor Winslow passed out the existing Removal of Snow and Ice From Sidewalks Ordinance with the proposed changes. Director Knox*

*explained the first priority is to get the streets cleared because of safety, then the schools and depending on what type of storm the DPW will clear ramps, corners and troubled spots. Director Knox explained the challenges with limited manpower after the city has been plowing for some time during the cleanup. Discussion focused on the lack of snow shovellers and the habitual offenders of the current Ordinance. Director Knox suggested the Committee talk to Chris Webb about properties that get frequent tickets. Mr. Cina told the Committee he has difficulty traveling the streets in his wheelchair. Councillor Winslow suggested that because of the need to get something in place this winter season and it is almost here that the city uses this year stressing notification and education to the residents regarding the clearing of sidewalks, ramps and corners. It was suggested the city use all available avenues to get the word out, flyer cars, notification in the water bills, Chamber of Commerce, social media, the city website and 311.*

**A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor Condon, that Section 11.35 Removal of Snow and Ice From Sidewalks Ordinance be amended: Add: a. "For Non-Commercial Properties" (excluding multifamily properties of 5 or more units)- Remove snow, slush and ice from said sidewalk within 24 (twenty-four) hours after the Public Works Director has declared that snow removal operations are complete.**

**"For Commercial Properties and Multifamily Properties" of five or more units- Remove snow, slush, and ice from said sidewalk within 12 (twelve) hours after the Public Works Director has declared that snow removal operations are complete.**

**Strike: Remove snow, slush and ice from said sidewalk within 24 (twenty four) hours after snowfall has ended or the Public Works Director has declared the snow removal operations are complete.**

**The recommendation for the amendment was voted out unanimously from the committee.**

## **Other Business**

## **Adjournment**