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2021/2022 WINTER MORATORIUM FOR CONSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC WAYS

To: All Contractors in the City of Somerville

Date: November 10, 2021

The City of Somerville would like to inform all contractors and drain layers that the Winter Moratorium is approaching. **The Winter Moratorium will begin on November 22, 2021.** All “non-emergency” & “non-priority” work will be prohibited for roadway/sidewalk opening or occupancy during the Moratorium. The City’s Emergency & Urgent work policy will be followed over the winter.

The City of Somerville’s Winter Moratorium will be in effect until April 1, 2022 (weather dependent).

The purpose of the moratorium is to reduce potential traffic, facilitate snow removal, street cleaning and any other possible issues that may arise with inclement weather.

Based on weather conditions and City staff availability, the City Engineer may prioritize street occupancy applicants to proceed with work in public ways for specific projects on specific dates. The City Engineer will consult with the DPW Commissioner, Director of Water and Sewer and ISD director, as appropriate, for all street occupancy permits requested during winter moratorium. Emergency and above-ground work will be prioritized.

All non-emergency street occupancy permit applications must be received before noon Monday the week prior to the requested work week (two weeks prior for work during the weeks of November 29 and January 3). If weather & staff conditions coordinate, approved permits will be issued the Friday prior to week permitted for work. Approved applications will be held until an acceptable week occurs; there is no need to reapply for the same work request.

Please forward this notice to anyone who is performing demolition or construction on private property that may require an alteration to their water, sewer or gas connections. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact the Engineering Division at 617-625-6600 x5400 or by email at Engineering@somervillema.gov.

Respectfully,

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