





MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr. 
City Manager

FROM: Mark E. Byrne 
Interim DPW Commissioner

DATE: June 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Council Motion by Councillor Gitschier
“Request the City Manager provide the City Council with a report on how many plow contractors the City hires during snow storm; the type of equipment that is contracted; is equipment inspected prior to the season; the experience of he contracted staff; any training provided to the contractors by the City on plowing city streets and expectations for completion of the plowing areas”

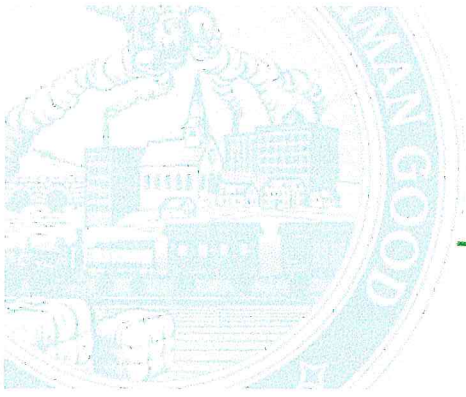
During most snow storms that are over four (4) inches, the City of Lowell Department of Public Works hires outside contractors and uses the following type of equipment:

- (42) F250 and F350 Pick-Up Trucks
- (16) Loaders with plows
- (3) Ten Wheelers
- (1) Six Wheeler
- (10) Skid Steers

This is Seventy-two (72) pieces of contracted equipment that was used during last year's storms. The equipment is always checked prior to the first snow storm by the DPW mechanics and registrations are checked for each piece. All lighting and auxiliary lighting as well as plow function and tire conditions are inspected as well.

The in-house equipment that is used during snow storms is as follows:

- (25) Trucks
- (2) Loaders
- (12) F250 and F350 Pick-Up Trucks



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There is no training provided to the Snow Plow Contractors by the City of Lowell DPW. There is training provided to the DPW employees on snow plowing, sanding and salting operations before snow season.

There is a very high expectation that any outside contractor is completing their plowing areas or routes given to them during each storm in the City of Lowell. We let the contractors know that they need to push snow back curb to curb during snow plowing operations.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.