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City Works to Avoid Towing During Harleston Village Street Sweeping

Charleston, S.C.—For the past several months, the Harleston Village neighborhood has received incomplete street sweeping services due to obstructions created by illegally parked vehicles. This month, at the request of the Harleston Village Neighborhood Association and residents, the City will begin towing illegally parked vehicles during the street sweeping period of 9-11 a.m. on Feb. 2 and 3 – but only after a month-long effort to ensure that residents clearly understand the policy.

“We’ve put flyers on residents’ doors, papered parked cars, sent emails to and through the neighborhood association and more,” said Su Griffin, the city’s manager of Business and Neighborhood Services. “Our hope is that we won’t have to tow a single vehicle.”

In the past, cars parked illegally during street sweeping hours were issued a citation, but many cars remained on the streets during the posted street sweeping hours, preventing the equipment from properly accessing and cleaning the streets. More than 750 citations have been issued on street-sweeping days in Harleston Village in the past three months.

Harleston Village street sweeping takes place on the first Thursday and Friday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m., for the entire two hours. There are signs posted throughout the neighborhood with the information about street sweeping days and times. Also, residents are able to sign up for notifications to be reminded by email the evening before and the morning of street sweeping. Visit <http://charleston-sc.gov/index.aspx?NID=1377> for more information on how to sign up for the notifications.

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