

Chapter 2 Snow Removal Management

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7-2-1 Definitions

When used in this chapter, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

STREET: The entire public right-of-way which provides vehicular and pedestrian access to adjacent properties. The term includes, and is interchangeable with, roads, highways, avenues, boulevards, streets, lanes, courts and other like terms. "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part is open to the use of the public for vehicular travel, with jurisdiction extending to the adjacent property line, including sidewalks, shoulders, berms and rights-of-way not intended for motorized traffic.

TRAILER:

1. Any vehicle designed to be towed or transported by another vehicle.
2. Any apparatus towed or transported by another vehicle.

VEHICLE: Any apparatus designed or built to transport people, animals or inanimate objects, and generally, every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. (Ord. 320-10, 1-11-2010; amd. Ord. 366-2020, 1-27-2020)

7-2-2 Snow Plowing Parameters

1. Accumulation: When snow accumulates to a depth of four inches (4") or more in the downtown commercial corridor and a depth of six inches (6") or more on the side streets, the need for snow plowing and/or removal is established.
2. Plowing Hours: Regular snow plowing and/or removal hours will be from two o'clock (2:00) A.M. to eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. once snow depth accumulations have met the parameters in subsection A of this section. If extraordinary circumstances occur, snow plowing and/or removal may begin at a different time at the discretion of the Public Works Director. (Ord. 320-10, 1-11-2010)

7-2-3 Plowing Priorities

1. Virginia Street (Highway 95) will be plowed first, the streets leading to the school facilities will be plowed second, the rest of the streets will be plowed third and the alleyways are plowed last.

2. The City has no sanding equipment so intersections are not sanded unless the ITD sanding crew graciously sands the intersections on Highway 95.
3. As snow depth requires, the fire hydrants will be cleared of snow when streets and alleys are completed. (Ord. 320-10, 1-11-2010; amd. Ord. 366-2020, 1-27-2020)

7-2-4 Parking Restrictions

1. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle or trailer, motorized or nonmotorized, on the street rights-of-way per title 6, chapter 2 of this Code.
2. Any object, vehicle or trailer parked or placed in such a manner as to impede the efficient management of snow shall be subject to immediate citation, removal and impound. All said costs shall be paid in full prior to the release of any towed or impounded object, vehicle or trailer. (Ord. 320-10, 1-11-2010)

7-2-5 Citizen Responsibilities

1. The clearing of snow from sidewalks is the responsibility of the owner/tenant of the property bordering the sidewalk.
2. Snow plowing and/or removal may leave a snow berm along the edge of the street and across private driveway accesses. Removal of the snow berm to facilitate access to the private driveway is the responsibility of the property owner/tenant. Pushing or blowing snow or placing snow from private property into the public right-of-way, or onto private property without consent, is unlawful. (Ord. 320-10, 1-11-2010; amd. Ord. 366-2020, 1-27-2020)

7-2-6 Penalties

1. For any offense involving a vehicle or trailer, the registered owner of the vehicle or trailer shall be fined a sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), plus any and all costs assessed by the courts, which sum shall be assessed as a penalty. All costs for towing, recovery, impound and storage shall be paid by the registered owner of any vehicle or trailer found to be in violation of this chapter. All said costs shall be paid in full prior to the release of any towed or impounded vehicle or trailer.
2. For any offense involving pushing, blowing, or placing snow back into the public right-of-way or onto private property without consent, the offender shall be fined a sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), plus any and all costs assessed by the courts, which sum shall be assessed as a penalty.
3. Each day shall be a new and separate violation subject to all penalties and actions allowed in this section. (Ord. 320-10, 1-11-2010; amd. 2018 Code; Ord. 366-2020, 1-27-2020)