

Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date: October 8, 2024

Agenda Item: Winter Parking Restrictions

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Staff received a request from councilperson Brian Schanen to review the start date of winter parking restrictions. Currently, winter parking restrictions, which restrict parking on all city streets between 2:00 am and 6:00 am, goes into effect November 1 of each year. The request is to move this date back to December 1.

Attached is a table of snowfall for the month of November in Madison and Milwaukee. These two cities are the closest to Whitewater with online historical data. The table also includes the coldest temperatures for the month of November in each city.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS - COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

There would be some cost to make and install new signs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends remaining with the November 1 start date. There are concerns with the potential for snowplowing around parked vehicles and the snowbanks freezing and remaining in place throughout the remainder of winter. Also, with the lack of a daily newspaper or a local tv station, getting word out to the residents for a one day parking ban (snow emergency) is difficult.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Snowfall Data