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SNOW AND ICE: WINTER OF 2022-2023

It's time to start thinking about snow and ice for another winter season. There are two (2) sections of the City Code of Ordinances that address standards for citizens to follow. They are:

1. Section 62-151 stating that there will be "no parking" on Emergency Snow Routes when a Winter Storm Traffic Emergency, Phase 1, is declared. Citizens will have two (2) hours after the declaration to remove vehicles.

Basically, this means that when enough snow and/or ice has accumulated for the snow plows to start clearing snow, vehicles must be moved. **Citizens who live/work on an Emergency Snow Route need to plan now for an alternate site to park vehicles.** Listen to KBSH-TV, KAYS, KHAZ, KJLS, KKQY and KFIX radio stations, and/or sign up for "Notify Me" at www.haysusa.com for updates regarding advisories to move vehicles.

2. Section 56-1 states that there can be no obstructions in the public right of way. This means snow cannot be piled in the street right of way. **Citizens and businesses should pile snow in the yard or business parking lot (not in the street) or have the snow removed to an alternate site. Violators will be ticketed.**

This notification is intended to be an advanced warning to all property owners in Hays that these Sections of the Code relating to snow and ice activities will be enforced. Please work with us, and remember:

- A. **No vehicles are to be parked on a street that is marked/identified as an Emergency Snow Route when a Winter Storm Traffic Emergency, Phase 1, is declared.**

- B. **Do not pile snow in the public right of way (street) when clearing sidewalks and driveways. Violators will be ticketed.**

*****EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES*****

- The streets that are identified as **Emergency Snow Routes** are outlined on the map (reverse side) with a **red line**.
- Citizens who live/work on an Emergency Snow Route should plan now where to park vehicles off the street. If a winter storm traffic emergency is declared and a vehicle isn't moved, it could be towed away at the owner's expense.
- **A good rule of thumb is: When snow is predicted or begins to fall – have the vehicle moved.**
- Citizens who live/work on an Emergency Snow Route should move vehicles off the street until snow plowing operations are completed.

OPERATIONAL PLAN: **Priority 1** streets are identified on the map with **yellow highlighting**. Some are Emergency Snow Routes; some are not. These streets will be cleared first and throughout a winter storm. If the storm is extremely severe, Priority 1 streets may be the only streets plowed until the end of the storm.

Priority 2 streets are identified on the map with **blue highlighting**. Some are Emergency Snow Routes; some are not. Depending on the storm, Priority 2 streets generally receive treatment after Priority 1 streets are under control.

Please call (785) 628-7350 with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe winter season.

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Hays Matters Newsletter Moving Online in 2023

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Me". Follow the directions at the top, and then scroll down to "News Flash", then "City News and Information". Click on the icons for email and/or text messages to be notified in that manner when each newsletter is available. Copies of the newsletters will also be made available at City Hall for anyone that would like to pick one up.



EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES & STORM CLEANUP ZONES

- Emergency Snow Routes
- Priority 1
- Priority 2
- Section 1
- Section 2
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