



RESOLUTION NO. 0120-2

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING SNOW REMOVAL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ROBINS, IOWA

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Robins this Resolution shall replace Resolution No. 1199-1 relating to the Snow Removal Policy for the City of Robins;

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Robins, Iowa, the following Snow Removal Policy be adopted:

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ROBINS, IOWA

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Resolution is to establish a policy and level of service in respect to the clearance of snow and/or ice on city streets; and maintenance of the street system during the winter months.
2. **Level of Service.** Each storm has individual characteristics and must be dealt with accordingly. The goal is to clear the roadways as soon as possible. From time to time the roadway will have snow and/or ice accumulations upon it. The entire width of the road may not be cleared of snow, ice, compacted snow and ice, or frost. Snow cleared from the roadway shall be placed on the adjacent shoulder, ditch, or right-of-way. Snow can be expected to accumulate in those areas to the extent that a motorist's sight distance may be reduced or impaired. Snow removed from intersections may be piled in corners in piles of unequal height. The line of sight, sight distance, or visibility of motorists approaching intersections may be greatly reduced or impaired. The City shall not be responsible for snow pushed or otherwise placed on the roadway or shoulders by others. Motorists shall drive their vehicles during these conditions with additional caution and watchfulness as dictated by the existing conditions. During these conditions, no additional warning or regulatory signs will be placed warning of impaired sight distances, visibility at intersections, road blockages, one-lane conditions, or that the roadway is slick or slippery.
3. **Sequence of Service.** The Superintendent of Public Works or designee shall select the sequence of streets to be cleared and shall determine when drifting, wind velocity, and additional snow or snowstorms require the snow removal equipment be removed from the roadway. The initial effort will be to get routes open to traffic as soon as possible. Snow removal equipment may be called off the road if snow and blowing reduces visibility to hazardous working conditions in the judgment of the Superintendent of Public Works or designee. It is not the policy of the city to provide a "dry" pavement condition.

The City will not clear snow and/or ice from private drives. Normal snow removal operations may result in snow being deposited in private drives. The City will not be responsible for damage to mailboxes, fences, or other private structures on or within the City right-of-way. There is no set length of time after a snowstorm in which the roadways will be cleared of snow. Snow from private drives shall not be placed on the roadway or shoulders. As stated in Chapter 135.12, it is unlawful for any person to throw, push or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any

ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways on to the street or across the street. Violations to the Robins Municipal Code are considered a Municipal Infraction and shall be treated as stated in Chapter 3 of the Robins Municipal Code as a Civil Penalty of up to \$750 per day.

Owners of vehicles parked on residential streets are highly encouraged to park their vehicles in their driveways when weather conditions require plowing snow from streets. When parked vehicles impede or interfere with the removal of snow, the Superintendent of Public Works or designee is authorized to issue a warning notice to the owner of the vehicle. The warning will require the vehicle owner to move the vehicle immediately. If the vehicle is not moved as to allow for the removal of snow, the Police may remove or direct the removal of the vehicle.

4. **Snow Emergency.** As stated in Section 69.10 of the Robins Municipal Code all of the streets within the city limits of Robins are deemed snow routes. When conditions of snow or ice exist on the street surface of a designated snow route, it is unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to impede or block traffic. The Mayor or designee shall be responsible for determining when conditions exist to declare a snow emergency and when the enforcement of this ordinance shall begin. During a snow emergency no vehicle is allowed to be parked on the street. If a vehicle is parked on the street, the vehicle will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. The Mayor or designee is empowered to contact the designated media source to indicate when the snow emergency is in effect. The Mayor or designee is also empowered to end the prohibition on parking. No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended, any vehicle on a designated snow route during a declared snow emergency or when there is a minimum of four (4) inches of snow on the road surface until such time as the streets have been cleared of accumulated snow from curb-to curb.

5. **Sidewalks.** As stated in Section 136.03 of the Robins Municipal Code it is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove the natural accumulations of snow and ice promptly from sidewalks, or if the ice cannot be removed, to treat the ice with sand, salt or other non-slippery substance. If a property owner does not remove the snow or ice or treat the ice within twenty-four (24) hours, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as property tax.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of January 2020.

Signed: _____
Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Signed: _____
Lori Pickart, City Clerk/Treasurer