

CHAPTER 71: SNOW REMOVAL

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71.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a snow emergency procedure regarding parking on City streets, after a substantial (four inches) snowfall to enhance snow removal by City maintenance crews.

71.02 SNOW EMERGENCY.

1. All of the streets within the City are deemed snow routes. When conditions of snow or ice exist on the traffic surface of a designated snow route, it is unlawful for the driver of a vehicle to impede or block traffic.
2. 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. The Mayor or designee is empowered to contact the designated media source when the snow emergency is in effect. The Mayor or designee is also empowered to end the prohibition on parking.
3. 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.

71.03 PARKING PROHIBITED. Parking is prohibited on all City streets when snow has fallen in the following manner and a snow emergency has been declared in the following manner:

1. No person shall park any motor vehicle on any street in the City of Robins during a declared snow emergency until at such time the snow emergency has been lifted. The parking ban will be lifted when the Mayor or designee has lifted the snow emergency.
2. The Police Department of the City is authorized to order the removal and/or citation of any motor vehicle parked on the City streets in violation of this section.
3. Cost of towing will be the responsibility of the registered owner. Towed vehicles will not be released until towing costs are paid

71.04 CITY SNOW REMOVAL. 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 to be removed from the roadway. The City shall clear snow from snow route streets. The City will not clear snow and/or ice from private drives. Nor is the city obligated to clear snow from pathways, trails, or sidewalks. 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 right-of-way. There is no set length of time after a snowstorm in which the roadways will be cleared of snow.

71.05 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE. 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 a property tax.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2b & e])

71.06 SNOW DEPOSITED ON STREETS. 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 onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2])

71.07 SNOW DEPOSITED ON SIDEWALKS. No snow shall be deposited or moved by property owners in such manner as to obstruct a public sidewalk, nor shall it be deposited upon a neighboring parkway or other private property or hamper vision at any intersection of traveled roadways.