NOTICE TO RESIDENTS REGARDING SNOW IN THE CITY OF GLADSTONE

January 17, 2020

RE: Snow Removal Ordinance

The goal of the City’s Public Works Department is to provide snow and ice control for the city in a timely and cost-effective manner. Residents play a part in that service. Residents can help by practicing a few simple suggestions:

- Don't drive during a storm if you don't have to.
- Drive safely and have appropriate tires on your vehicle.
- Clear your windows of snow and replace worn windshield wipers.
- Follow parking restrictions in winter months (no overnight parking on streets).
- Move any obstructions that are close to the street during storms, they pose a threat to the snow-plow crews and to the public.
- Do not push or place snow in front of a neighbor’s property or on top of storm drains.
- Be patient; snow removal takes time, not every street in the City will be cleared at the same time.
- Be aware of the ordinances and state laws that regulate snow removal.

Chapter 46, Article III in the Gladstone’s Code of Ordinances provides the guidance for proper snow removal for sidewalks in our city. A full copy of the ordinances can be located on our website at www.gladstonemi.org.

SNOW REMOVAL ON SIDEWALKS

Property owners are responsible for clearing the sidewalks adjacent to their property (including corner crosswalk sections) in order to keep the community safe and walkable following snowfalls. This rule applies to residents, business owners, landlords/renters and any other owners of property in the City of Gladstone.

The ordinance provides a time frame for residents and business to remove snow from their sidewalks after snow fall.

- 48 hours for residents
- 24 hours for businesses

Failure to remove snow in this timeframe could result in the city removing the snow and charging the owner of the property for that service, plus a 10% penalty.

The entire width of the sidewalk must be cleared including any sections entering the crosswalks.

If you are traveling and away from your home or business, or if your home or business is vacant you are still responsible to comply with this ordinance.
BUSINESS DISTRICT

Business owners in the business district are permitted to place snow from Public Right-Of-Way sidewalks in a compacted pile along the curb for the city to remove.
  • Snow from the business district placed along the curb should be done within 24 hours of snowfall to ensure snow is picked up in a timely manner
  • Only snow from Public Right-Of-Way sidewalks can be pushed curbside, any additional snow will be removed at the owner’s expense

SNOW REMOVAL FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY
The Michigan Vehicle Code (Act 300 of 1949) prohibits a person pushing snow, ice or slush onto any roadway or highway. Snow must be maintained on private property and may not be pushed into any public street. Moved snow must not obstruct or create any clear vision issues for motor vehicles on any Avenue or street.

Snow may not be pushed onto a neighboring property without permission or onto any city owned property without consent.

Each day that an owner fails to maintain a sidewalk in accordance with these standards constitutes a separate offence. Failure to comply with these regulations may cause fines, fees and removal charges to be incurred by the property owner.

For more information, community members can review the snow removal code on our website at www.gladstonemi.org or contact DPW at 906-428-9577