

# SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

## CITY OF SLOAN

**PURPOSE:** It is the plan of the City to provide for the general welfare by facilitating the safe passage, to the extent possible, on all of the City streets, alleys and sidewalks during and after snow and ice storms.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. **Method.** City staff shall determine when to begin snow removal and/or at the direction of the Mayor. The Maintenance Department will monitor weather reports in order to decide when to begin snow removal. In this case, the staff's experience is a critical element in the decision process. It is difficult to define precisely when snow removal begins as it is based upon snow conditions (light/heavy, etc.). **Typically**, removal will begin when snow **accumulates 2 inches**. Snow removal will begin on the major streets to ensure residents a safe route to work places within town.

2. **Street Clearing Order.** Streets will be cleared in the following sequence:

- A) Business streets...Evans from 5<sup>th</sup> to Johnson, 4<sup>th</sup> from Beall to Johnson, 5<sup>th</sup> from Beall to Johnson and Beall from 4<sup>th</sup> to Johnson.
- B) Branch out to residential areas.
- C) Alleys will be last.

3. **Sidewalks. *Removal of snow on business street sidewalks:***

- A) Businesses may remove snow/ice from their sidewalks and place it in the street provided from the face of the curb all snow shall be placed a minimum of 18" and not more than 36" into the street; and
- B) All snow/ice placed in the street from the above listed shall be placed within 12 hours of the time of accumulation of 2 inches or declaration of a snow emergency by the Mayor.
- C) In case of a major/heavy snow, City Maintenance Department may, **but are not required**, to assist businesses in removal of snow from their sidewalks by means of a bobcat.
- D) In case of ice where removal is not possible, sand or salt covering must be placed.

#### ***Removal of snow on residential street sidewalks:***

- A) Residents shall remove snow/ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after a storm. Residents may not place snow/ice on City streets.
- B) As in (D) above, in case of ice where removal is not possible, sand or salt must be placed.
- C) Dumping of Snow: Snow or ice thrown, pushed or placed into the traveled portion 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, is unlawful. See also City Code 135.12 for more details.

4. **Snow Emergency.** Automatically go into effect when snow **accumulates 2 inches**. Mayor may declare a snow emergency on basis of falling snow, sleet, freezing rain or forecasted weather. See also City Code 69.10 for more details. Mayor's declared snow emergency will be put on KTIV AND KCAU television stations.

All parking on City streets will be prohibited during snow emergency or snow removal process. Vehicles may be towed and impounded at owner's expense if not removed.

