



City Council

Agenda Item

Subject: Second reading of Ordinance No. 23-24, an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 18.01, General Provisions of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Watertown, Removing Language Related to Streets and Avenues Being Plowed on Specific Days, As Well As Adding Language for Declaring a Snow Emergency.

Meeting: City Council - Nov 06 2023

From: Amanda Mack, City Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

These revisions focus on the removal of language related to streets and avenues being plowed on specific days, as well as adding language for declaring a Snow Emergency.

Revising Section 18.0101 (1) will retain the inability to park on Emergency Snow Routes when 2" or more of snow has accumulated, but will remove the specified days that streets and avenues will be plowed. In addition, Snow Emergency declaration language has been added to also trigger the restriction from parking on the streets during such declaration.

Revising Section 18.0101 (4) provides for parking on boulevards, if 2" or more of snow has accumulated or a Snow Emergency has been declared. Language was also added to remove vehicles from the boulevard within 24 hours of the roadway being cleared of snow. This was to address the otherwise prohibitive language that didn't allow parking on the boulevard, an option that may prove beneficial to a select few locations throughout the town when a Snow Emergency is declared.

Addition of Section 18.0101 (6) will define a Snow Emergency and how declarations of such are shared through standard PSA procedures, as well as stating who is authorized to declare the Snow Emergency.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to Approve Ordinance No. 23-24, an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 18.01, General Provisions of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Watertown, Removing Language Related to Streets and Avenues Being Plowed on Specific Days, As Well As Adding Language for Declaring a Snow Emergency.

STAFF REFERENCE(S):

Heath VonEye, Rob Beynon, Sue Peterson

ATTACHMENT(S):

Chapter 18.01
GENERAL PROVISIONS

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18.0101: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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1. No owner, or person in possession or control of a motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind, including trailers, whether motorized or non motorized, shall be parked or remain upon any public roadway when two (2) inches or more of snow has accumulated, or when a Snow Emergency has been declared by the City Manager or their designee. Parking may resume after such roadways have been plowed from curb to curb or edge to edge. A Snow Emergency may be declared for the entire City or portions thereof as defined by the City Manager or their designee. Street following a snow storm of more than two (2) inches on Monday, Wednesday or Friday or upon any Avenue on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday until said street or avenue has been plowed. (E-506) (Ord 04-05; Rev 06-16-04)
2. Except as provided below, no motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind, including trailers, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be parked or remain upon any street or avenue right-of-way in any one location within the limits of this City for a period of time exceeding twenty four (24) consecutive hours, and thereafter, such parked vehicle must be moved a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet from that location before being allowed to park for an additional twenty four (24) hour period. Commercial trailers of those contractors actively performing improvements to real property are exempt from the above provision so long as the trailer is parked at a street location immediately abutting said property and the trailer does not pose a threat to public safety. (E-506; E-544-1) (Ord 04-05; Rev 06-16-04) (Ord 17-22; Rev 07-14-17) (Ord 17-40; Rev 10-13-17) (Ord 18-24; Rev 12-14-18)
3. No semi-tractor, semi-trailer, watercraft trailer, or camper/RV shall be parked upon any street, boulevard, alley or public place in a residential district, except for the purpose of loading and unloading merchandise generally or the personal property of an abutting resident, and in such cases only for a reasonable length of time to load and unload, and in a reasonable location that does not pose a threat to public safety. (E-474-1) (Ord 17-22; Rev 07-14-17) (Ord 18-24; Rev 12-14-18)
4. No motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind, including trailers, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be parked upon any boulevard at any time unless permission therefore has been granted by an official city agency, or when two (2) inches or more of snow has accumulated, or when a Snow Emergency has been declared. Once the adjacent roadway has been cleared of snow, motor vehicles, or vehicles of any kind must be removed from the boulevard within 24 hours. (E-544-1) (Ord 18-24; Rev 12-14-18)
5. For residential areas adjacent to Lake Kampeska or Lake Pelican:
 - a. No motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind including trailers, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be parked within three (3) feet of the white fog line painted on the road; and
 - b. No motor vehicle or other vehicle of any kind, including trailers, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be parked on any sidewalk/recreational trail or any portion of the roadway designated as such. (Ord 17-22; Rev 07-14-17) (Ord 18-24; Rev 12-14-18)
6. Declaration of Snow Emergency When the City Manager or their designee determines that snow removal from public roadways is necessary, a Snow Emergency will be declared. Such declaration will be announced through the City's standard Public Service Announcement procedures and will initiate all necessary plowing and roadway surface treatments and associated parking restrictions as described in City Ordinances and policies.

18.0102: VEHICLE MAY BE REMOVED; COST, ETC.

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1. Any motor vehicle or other vehicle which is in any such street or avenue contrary to the provisions of Section

18.0101 hereof maybe removed by an authorized removal agency and the fee for such removal shall be taxed against the owner of such vehicle by the entity or agency which causes the vehicle to be removed as a cost to cover the expense of removing the motor vehicle or other vehicle. Neither the City nor any other person shall incur liability for any damage to any motor vehicle or other vehicle removed, provided reasonable care is used. (E-544) (Ord 04-09; Rev 07-30-04)

2. The Police Department may remove or cause to be removed any vehicle found in violation of the provisions of Section 18.0101. The costs of such removal shall become a possessory lien under state law, and the City

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The above and foregoing Ordinance was moved for adoption by Alderperson _____, seconded by Alderperson _____, and upon voice vote motion carried, whereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance duly passed and adopted.

I certify that Ordinance No. 23-24 was published in the Watertown Public Opinion, the official newspaper of said City, on the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Kristen Bobzien, Finance Officer

First Reading: October 16, 2023
Second Reading: November 6, 2023
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Effective: December 1, 2023

City of Watertown

Attest:

Kristen Bobzien
Finance Officer

Reid Holien
Mayor