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Snow Removal

Snow Routes

In December of 2010, the City Council approved an amendment to the existing Snow Removal Ordinance (15.03.08) that makes special provisions for a Snow Route designation. Under this amendment, **people living on a Snow Route must remove their vehicles from the street to allow for curb to curb cleaning by the Public Works Department. Failure to remove vehicles will result in a ticket and immediate tow of the vehicle by the Police Department. The ordinance takes effect whenever the National Weather Service forecasts snow accumulations of 4" or more. Once the snow has been completely removed by the City, you may resume parking on the street. If you are not sure if you live on a designated Snow Route, please check the Snow Route Map below or contact the Public Works office at 605-347-3916.**



[Snow Route Map](#)

The following are designated Snow Route Streets:

- JUNCTION AVENUE
- LAZELLE STREET
- DOUGLAS STREET from the intersection with THIRD STREET to the intersection with NELLIE STREET.
- NELLIE STREET from the intersection with DOUGLAS STREET to the intersection with LAZELLE STREET.
- MAIN STREET from the intersection with MIDDLE STREET to the Intersection with FOURTH STREET.
- FIRST STREET from the intersection with SHERMAN STREET to the intersection with LAZELLE STREET.
- SECOND STREET from the intersection with SHERMAN STREET to the intersection with Lazelle Street.
- THIRD STREET from the intersection of LAZELLE to the intersection of SHEPHARD.
- FOURTH STREET from the intersection with SHERMAN STREET to the intersection with LAZELLE STREET.
- SUNSET entire length.
- PARK entire length.

Snow Removal Overview

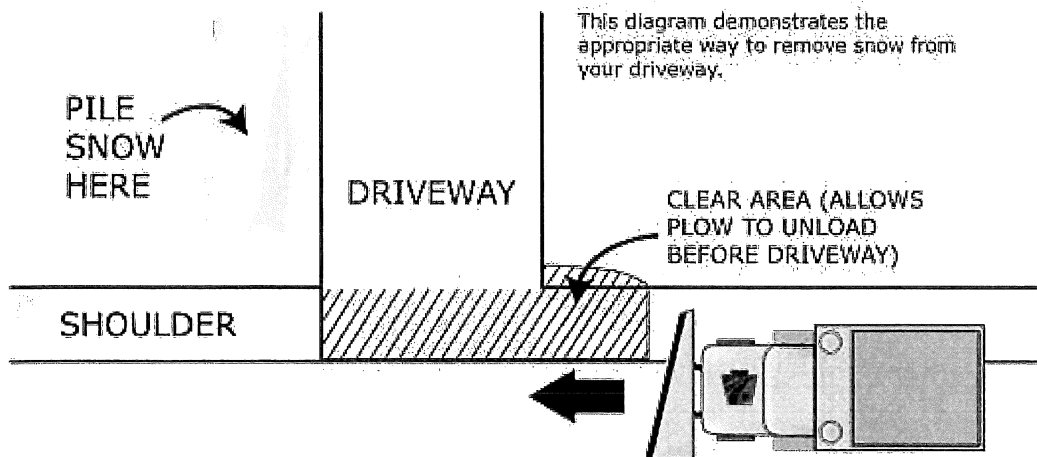
The success of our snow removal program depends on your assistance.

Here are a few tips:

- When snow is expected, park your vehicles off the street if possible.
- Remove snow from your sidewalk within 24 hours.
- **Do not shovel snow from your driveway and sidewalk into the street. Place it on your lawn or near trees and shrubs to help with winter watering.**
- If you shovel before we plow the street, your driveway or sidewalk may get plowed in. In most cases it is unavoidable. **See the information below regarding where to best pile the snow from your driveway to avoid getting plowed in.**
- Please be patient; we have 70 miles of streets to clear. Moving heavy wet snow takes considerably more time than fluffy snow.
- Snow is removed from life safety and emergency routes first. The second priority is the major arterial streets (Lazelle, Harmon, Ballpark, Sherman, Douglas, Nellie, and the Whitewood Service Road).
- Followed by major-minor collector streets and school routes (Shepherd, Park, Anna, Dickson, Pine View, Otter, Raccoon, Moose, Sunset, and Colorado, Third, Cedar, Fulton, Dolan Creek, Williams, and Ninth). Remaining residential streets are cleared as soon as possible.



[View the 2014 Snow and Ice Removal Plan](#)



If there is room for the plow to unload prior to reaching your driveway, the windrow across your driveway will be much smaller. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid windrows when plowing.

The snow removal effort is often hindered by vehicles parked on the street. If possible, please move your vehicles off the street whenever there is a storm prediction.

When we begin the snow removal process, the first thing we will do is get the streets open to traffic. After that is finished, the blades will come back and clean out the areas from curb to curb and clean up the windrows, etc. Two blades will then be dispatched to the main collector's routes. At the same time, one blade and one plow will be dispatched to the

residential sections of the City to start the removal of snow.

It is the goal of the Sturgis Public Works Department to provide the safest driving surfaces possible, using the resources that we have available. In the event of a major winter storm, private contractors may be hired by the City to assist with snow removal. Private contractors are required to meet minimum specifications and are selected through a pre-screening application process. Contractors working specifically for the City will have their equipment clearly marked for identification purposes.

If you have an emergency situation and are not able to get through on your street, call 911. If you would like to get updated information on the snow removal progress, call the Public Works Department at 347-3916.

When streets become hazardous for drivers due to ice, Public Works will sand or use mag water in the collector routes, at the traffic light intersections, and railroad crossings in the City limits.

Collector Routes

- Lazelle St. to the City Park - SDDOT maintains from the S curves on Lazelle St. past the high school on Hwy. 34 (SDDOT Ph: (605) 394-2244)
- Junction Ave.
- All schools within the City
- Dolan Creek Rd.
- Streets that have steep hills, such as:
 - 4th St. by the Law Enforcement Center
 - Paisley Terr.
 - Moose Dr.
 - 7th St. and 9th St.
 - Nellie
 - Park St. by the railroad crossing
 - Hillside Terr.
 - Vernon Hts. II
 - Ball Park Rd.
 - Douglas to Nellie
 - S. 3rd Ave



Map of Collector Routes

If you need assistance with shoveling snow visit



hearing. Notice of this meeting shall be given by publishing a true and correct copy of this Notice in the official newspaper of the City at least one week prior to the date set for Hearing, and further, by mailing a true and correct copy of said Notice to the property owner, as shown by the records of the County Assessor, at least 10 days prior to the date set for Hearing. Said mailing shall be by first-class mail, postage prepaid.

At the time specified in the Notice, the City Council shall meet and, if they find the assessments correct, shall approve the same with or without modification or amendment as they may deem proper.

15.03.05: FILING OF ASSESSMENT

Within 10 days after such assessment has been approved by the City Council, the Finance Officer shall make and file a certified copy of the same in the office of the County Treasurer, and thereupon, said assessments shall be due and payable to the City, and shall in all respects be considered as special assessments, as provided by statute, and the same shall draw interest at the rate of 10% per annum from the time of said assessment until 30 days after the approval thereof by the City Council, and thereafter at the rate of 12% per annum.

15.03.06: CERTIFICATION

If any of the said assessments are not paid to the City, the Finance Officer shall certify any such delinquent assessments to the County Auditor on or before the 15th day of October, and the same proceeding shall be had for the collection of said assessments as are or may hereafter be provided by statute for the collection of special assessments.

15.03.07: RECOVERY OF COST OF REMOVING SNOW OR ICE IN LIEU OF ASSESSMENT AGAINST PROPERTY

In lieu of assessing the cost of removing snow or ice from the sidewalks against the abutting property, the City Council may authorize the City Attorney to recover such costs in a civil action against the owner or occupant of the property abutting such sidewalks.

15.03.08: PARKING PROHIBITED ON DESIGNATED SNOW REMOVAL ROUTES; IMMEDIATE TICKET AND TOW AUTHORIZED.

To facilitate prompt snow removal, it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be parked on any designated Snow Removal Route within the City at any time within 24 hours of a forecast by the National Weather Service, as reported on the City of Sturgis website Weather Link, of an expected snowfall of at least 4 inches or more within the City of Sturgis. The designated Snow Removal Routes are shown on the official Map of Snow Removal Routes available at the Finance office and maintained by that office, and as also shown on the Sturgis City website, "www.sturgisgov.com". All designated Snow Removal Routes shall also be marked with signage along the designated right of way to identify them. Any vehicle parked on a Snow Removal Route within that 24 hour period and before City employees have cleared the street curb to curb shall be subject to an immediate citation for a parking violation until the street has been cleared curb to curb. In addition, any vehicle tagged in violation of this Ordinance may be towed immediately after being tagged. The Penalty for such violation is as set forth in Section 15.01.03 of this Ordinance, and the owner, in addition such penalty, shall also be required to pay the cost of towing and removal of the vehicle to an authorized location.

This provision shall not limit the separate authority to issue a citation as provided for at 16.05.08.



Snow Removal

Failure to Clear Snow & Ice

Failure to clear snow and ice from your sidewalks affects more than just you or the adjoining property owner. School age children, and especially disabled persons and the elderly, may find even an inch or two of snow and any amount of ice on the sidewalk to be extremely hazardous if not totally impassable.

City Ordinance

Spearfish City Ordinance requires that property owners or tenants keep all sidewalks abutting their property free of snow, ice, and any obstruction. As soon as is practical, generally within 24 to

48 hours after it has stopped snowing, the entire sidewalk area must be cleared of snow and ice. Failure to do so may result in a fine and abatement of the violation with all costs billed to the property owner.

City Streets & Right-of-Ways

Residents and private commercial snow removal contractors are not allowed to plow or blow snow onto any city street or right-of-way. Additionally, snow and ice shall not be deposited so as to obstruct or interfere with the passage or vision of vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Residents are also reminded to keep fire hydrants and mailboxes clear from snow build-up.

Snow Advisory Guide

Review the [Snow Information and Advisory Guide \(PDF\)](#).

Snow Shoveling Tips

Access Snow Shoveling Safety Tips by visiting the [Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons website](#).

PRIORITY 1: EMERGENCY ROUTES

Streets assigned as snow emergency routes are given Priority 1 designation as they provide a network system for emergency services operations.

PRIORITY 2: MAJOR ARTERIAL / SCHOOL ACCESS ZONES
Streets assigned as major arterials and school access zones are given Priority 2 designation as they provide a network for major transportation routes and access for students, parents, teachers, and school bus operations.

PRIORITY 3: RESIDENTIAL ROUTES

All other streets and residential routes are assigned a Priority 3 designation.

WINTER WEATHER OPERATIONS:

Providing safe travel on emergency, major arterials, and school routes will be the primary goal. Residential streets will be addressed in a timely manner after all Priority 1 & 2 Routes are completed. The City and its contractors will not plow snow from private property. Alleys do not get plowed. The amount of snow, moisture content, and weather conditions during each event will determine the time required to remove snow and the degree to which streets are plowed. City crews may continue to clean and improve street access and street conditions only after winter operations have been completed on all three priority routes.

WINDROWS IN FRONT OF DRIVEWAYS:

- Efforts will be taken to minimize windrows in front of driveways to the extent practical.
- Upon completion of Priority 3 Routes, windrows in front of driveways, created as a result of snow plowing operations, which are impassable by the average passenger vehicle will be removed.
- Special accommodations/requests can be made to the Public Works Department prior to or during an event and will be accommodated to the extent practical, but the timing will be depend on how the request fits in with other snow removal priorities.
- Residents are encouraged to remove snow windrows in front of their driveways with their own efforts, or the use of a contractor, to minimize the demands of City resources.

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS:

To obtain a list of licensed snow removal contractors, please call the Public Works Department.

GARBAGE COLLECTION:

Garbage collection may be delayed or rescheduled during snow events. During significant snow events and snow emergency events garbage collection route updates will be posted to social media & the City's website.

SNOW REMOVAL ACTION PLAN:

MINOR SNOW / ICE EVENT:

- Monitor condition of streets at the start of the event.
- Apply deicing agent to bridges, intersections, hills, steep inclines, and/or roadways as needed.
- Plow Priority 1 Routes, 2 Routes, and/or hills and steep inclines as needed.

SIGNIFICANT SNOW EVENT:

- Plow Priority 1 & 2 Routes first.
- Plow Priority 3 Routes upon completion of Priority 1 & 2 Routes.
- Apply deicing agent as needed.

SNOW EMERGENCY EVENT:

- Snow Emergency Events may be declared by the City Administrator, or their designee, taking into consideration climatic conditions before, during, and forecasted after the event; moisture content of snow, depth of snow, etc.
- Clearing of windrows in front of driveways will not occur during a Snow Emergency Event.

ADDITIONAL AREAS PLOWED:

Includes all City owned buildings and sidewalks adjacent to City properties, City parking lots, City recreation trails, well houses, and lift stations. Plowing of these areas utilizes equipment designed for walkways and small areas. Timely plowing of these areas is necessary to provide access to infrastructure and buildings as well as to reduce the City's liability. Plowing and/or deicing may be initiated at these locations during all events and will coincide with street operations.

CITY FACILITIES:

During inclement weather, every effort is made to ensure that City-owned facilities remain open for as long as is safely possible. On rare occasions, severe weather may necessitate the closure of City facilities. If you plan to visit a City facility during a snowstorm, you may wish to call ahead to confirm the facility is open. For your convenience, frequently dialed phone numbers are listed below. **For information about snow removal and winter road maintenance, please call the Public Works Department.**

Administration: 642-1354

Public Works Dept: 642-1333

Building & Development Dept: 642-1335

Finance Office & Utility Billing: 642-1325

Police Dept: 642-1300

Grace Balloch Memorial Library: 642-1330

Recreation Center: 722-1430

Fire Dept: 642-1313

WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES & CANCELLATIONS:

The City of Spearfish will use the two types of warnings below during inclement weather for travel advisories and advisories will be communicated via the following means: City website, social media, local media, and/or the emergency broadcast system.

1. NO TRAVEL ALLOWED - Means NO TRAVEL!
Any vehicle that is traveling during a NO TRAVEL ALLOWED notice will be ticketed. Only emergency services and essential personnel on official business should be traveling during this time.

2. NO TRAVEL ADVISORY - This indicates that travel is possible but not advised.

PARKED VEHICLES:

Parked vehicles are required to be removed from Priority 1 & 2 Routes during any snowfall. Vehicles must be removed from Priority 3 (Residential) Routes during snow removal operations. Vehicles may be temporarily parked on the boulevard during removal of snow from your street. Vehicles remaining in violation are subject to ticketing and/or towing.

SNOW REMOVAL DO'S:

- Do clear sidewalks adjacent to your property from ice, snow, and obstructions no later than 48 hours after the end of a snow event. (*Additional snow removal may be needed after plows have passed.*)
- Do clear snow around mailbox approaches.
- Do keep fire hydrants accessible adjacent to your property.

SNOW REMOVAL DON'TS:

- Do not interfere with or obstruct snow removal operations.
- Do not place snow on streets, boulevards, and/or public rights-of-ways.
- Do not drive through windrows placed in the middle of the street.

Violations subject to a fine.

DEICING AGENTS:

Enhanced deicer agent is applied at the manufacturers recommended rate as needed to streets. The agent used melts faster and at lower temperatures than salt, is red in color making it more visually prominent, is environmentally friendly, and is less corrosive. Frequency and timing of application will be determined by travel conditions, duration of event, drifting, and blowing of snow.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Snow and ice permitted to gather and remain upon the sidewalks of the city is dangerous to the safety of its citizens and others using the sidewalk. The owner or occupant of any building or ground and the owner of any unoccupied building or lot fronting or adjoining

any sidewalk, shall clear the sidewalk of snow and ice to the width of the sidewalk in accordance

with the following requirements;

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1. The central business district shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk by 9:00 am.
 2. The highway commercial district with non-DOT sidewalks shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk by 9:00 am.
 3. The highway commercial district with DOT sidewalks shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk on the day following the plowing or clearing of the street.
 4. The residential district shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk 24 hours after the cessation of snowfall.
- If the owner or occupant fails or neglects to remove the snow or ice within 24 hours, any officer of the city may proceed and remove the same and the expenses of removing the snow and ice will be charged against the abutting property.

For more information on Zoning Districts, visit our website at:

cityofcuster.com

You can also sign up for our public notification system (Code Red) to assist you.

Building Department/ Code Enforcement

12.04.040 Sidewalks.

3. Snow and Ice. Snow and ice permitted to gather and remain upon the sidewalks of the city is dangerous to the safety of its citizens and others using the sidewalks, and is declared a public nuisance. It shall be the duty of the owner, occupant, person in possession or in charge of any lot, parcel or plot of ground fronting or abutting upon any sidewalk to keep such sidewalk free and clear of snow and ice to the width of the sidewalk. If the ice is not removable by ordinary means, the owner, occupant, or person in possession or in charge shall take necessary precautions to render the sidewalk safe for passage by treating the ice with salt or sand.

a. The following enforcements shall apply in accordance with this section:

i. The central business district shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk by 9:00 a.m.

ii. The highway commercial district with non-DOT sidewalks shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk by 9:00 a.m.

iii. The highway commercial district with DOT sidewalks shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk or the day following the plowing or clearing of the street.

iv. The residential district shall have snow and ice removed to the width of the sidewalk twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of snowfall.

b. If the owner, occupant, person in possession or in charge of any lot, parcel or plot of ground fronting or abutting upon any sidewalk fails or neglects to remove the snow or ice from sidewalk in accordance with this section, or shall fail to treat or remove ice with salt or sand, then the superintendent of streets or any other officer of the city may proceed and remove the same and the expenses for removing such snow and ice shall include the cost of equipment, labor, materials and a penalty shall be invoiced to the property owner and may be assessed against the abutting property from which the snow or ice was removed or it may be collected by suit against the owner or occupant of the lot or building.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

***Thank you
for your
cooperation.***



WITH THE WINTER SEASON, THE BELLE FOURCHE POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC ON THE BELLE FOURCHE CITY ORDINANCES CONCERNING SNOW REMOVAL.

- All sidewalks must be cleaned within (24) hours of the last snowfall. Upon the failure of the owner of abutting property to remove snow or ice from the sidewalks the City may provide for removal and tax the removal expense by special assessment against the abutting property.
- No person may park or allow to remain parked any vehicle or trailer on any street designated as a snow route during snowfall or prior to the time said street is cleared of snow by the City. Vehicles or trailers parked on snow routes in violation of this section may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.
- Please do not shovel snow onto the property of others or onto areas or roads that have already been shoveled /cleared.

***Please contact Belle Fourche Code Enforcement Officer at 605-892-4354
or visit www.bellefourche.org with any questions.***

**City of Belle Fourche
Snow information
and Advisory Guide
2018**

City of Belle Fourche
5116th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Public Works Phone: 892-
3414
www.bellefourche.org

Priority 1: Emergency Routes

Streets designated as snow emergency routes are given Priority One designation as they provide a net-work system for emergency services operations.

Priority 2: Major Arterial and School Bus Routes

Streets designated as major arterial and school routes are given Priority Two designations as they provide a network connection for students, parents; teachers and school bus operations.

Priority 3: Residential Routes

Streets designated as Residential Routes are given Priority Three designations as they provide a network connection to all residential areas and complete the street network-and grid system.

The Department of Public Works Action Plan

Storms under 4 inches

1. Patrol at the start of the storm
2. Salt bridges, intersections and elevated roadways as needed.
3. Full scale salt of all major City roads (arterial roads connecting subdivisions or business district) and primary neighborhood streets (main collector streets through subdivision).

Storms 4 inches and greater

1. Plow all major City roads.
2. Plow all primary residential neighborhood streets and all other residential streets.
3. Spot sand hills and intersections on residential streets.

This plan's goal is to ensure that Emergency, Major Arterial and School Bus Routes are cleared as soon as possible. Residential streets cannot receive the same level of treatment, but will be plowed and sanded and/or salted where necessary

Winter Weather Operations - Salting and Snow Removal

Salting and Sanding

Sand/salt trucks are dispatched at the start of snowfall and at the first sign of roads beginning to ice. Streets with the greatest volume of traffic, called Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes, are salted or sanded first.

Plowing Policy

Plowing generally begins when snow becomes 4 or more inches deep and the forecast indicates that there will be no melting. However, when the snow depth is 4 inches or less and sun is expected to melt it in 24 to 48 hours, the City lets the sun do the work. Snow that has been hard packed by traffic often remains on the street, where the City plows are unable to remove it completely. In this situation, a mixture of sand and salt is spread to provide adequate traction and melting.

Emergency, major arterial and school bus routes are cleared first to ensure that emergency service vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances can safely travel to hospitals and schools and get to public transportation systems during or immediately after a snowfall.

After the emergency and school roads are cleared; crews concentrate on clearing snow and sanding and/or salting neighborhood streets.

The type of snow (wet or powdery), the temperature; and wind conditions following a storm can alter this schedule.

Please note all storm fighting plans vary by storm due to changing conditions; such as weather patterns, additional storms and conditions. Operations **Will** proceed in an effort to meet all objectives laid out in this plan but operational factors may change delivery options.

Residential Information to Remove Snow and Ice From Sidewalks

• A law passed by City Council requires that all residents and commercial property owners to clear their public sidewalks within 24 hours following a snowstorm.

• Clearing driveways and entrances is the responsibility of the property owner.

Weather Related Closures and Cancellations

The City of Belle Fourche will use one type of warning during inclement weather for travel warnings: local media.

No Travel Allowed - means **NO TRAVEL**.

• **No Travel Advisory**-This indicates that travel is possible but not advised.

City-Owned Facilities

During inclement weather, every effort is made to ensure that City-owned facilities remain open for as long as is safely possible. However on rare occasions severe weather may necessitate the closure of City facilities. If you plan to visit a City facility during a snowstorm, you may also wish to call ahead to confirm the facility is open. For your convenience, frequently dialed phone numbers are listed below. For information about snow removal and winter road maintenance, please visit the City's website snow removal web page.

• City Public Works Department 892-3414

• City Finance 892-2494

• City Water Office 892-2674

City Sidewalk Operation

City Crews work to complete snow removal on sidewalks at:

- city owned properties
- Sidewalks adjacent to public parking lots
- Recreation Trail System

Plowing of trails and sidewalks will be performed by the Parks Department utilizing equipment designed for walkway plowing operations.

It is the goal of the program to clear the walkways and recreational trail systems in a timely manner.

§ 94.11 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALKS.

Hot Springs

(A) It shall be the duty of the abutting landowner to a public sidewalk to keep such sidewalk clear from snow and ice at all times. Snowfall shall be removed from public sidewalks within two hours of the completion of the snowfall during daylight hours, or by 10:00 a.m. the following morning. If it is impossible to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk, the owner shall use a deicer or sprinkle sand on the sidewalk to prevent the sidewalk from becoming slippery and dangerous to travel.

(B) If the owner shall fail or refuse to remove the snow or ice from public sidewalks abutting his or her property within a reasonable time, the city may cause the snow and ice to be removed and assess the cost to the owner.

(Prior Code, § 22-16)

Hill City

**CHAPTER 7.18
MAIN STREET PARKING**

7.18.00 All parking on Main Street from the north side of Oak Street to the north side of Railroad Avenue shall be parallel with the curb on both sides of the street. Parking in alleys and on other streets shall be done in such a manner so as not to interfere with the safe and efficient flow of traffic. With the approval of the City Council, law enforcement is authorized to post signs indicating parking directions for the streets and alleys.

7.18.01 REPEALED (09-23-02)

7.18.02 TIME LIMIT ON CERTAIN PARKING

It shall be unlawful for any Business Owner or Employee of any Business Owner to park their vehicle directly in front of any other business or commercial building on Main Street for more than one (1) hour in one twenty-four hour day.

The penalty for the violation of this ordinance shall be five dollars (\$5.00) for the first offense and twenty-five (\$25.00) for each offense thereafter.

**CHAPTER 7.19
VEHICLES BACKING UP**

7.19.00 It shall be unlawful to move any motor vehicle backward onto any street for a distance greater than is necessary to turn or move away from the curb.

HC Ord39

**CHAPTER 7.20
PARKING NEAR FIRE HYDRANTS PROHIBITED**

7.20.00 No motor vehicle shall be stopped or left within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant or in such a position to obstruct a crossing, unless to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its path and no vehicle shall be allowed to stand within fifteen (15) feet of any street intersection within Hill City except emergency vehicles.

**CHAPTER 7.21
SNOW REMOVAL AND STREET CLEANING**

7.21.00 In order to facilitate snow removal and street cleaning operations the Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to place signs in any block or blocks within the City stating that snow will be removed or streets will be cleaned at a specified time in the near future in which case it shall be

unlawful to park any motor vehicle upon any of said streets during the time the signs indicate.

**CHAPTER 7.22
SNOW REMOVAL AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS**

7.22.00 It shall be the duty of the owner or person in possession or in charge of any lot, parcel or plot of ground fronting or abutting upon any sidewalk to keep such sidewalk free from snow and ice at all time and maintained in good repair at all times and free from rubbish or any other obstruction at all times. When it is impossible to take the snow and ice from such walk by reason of its being frozen to the sidewalk, the owner or occupant shall sprinkle or spread some suitable maerial upon the same to prevent the walk from becoming slippery and dangerous to travel.

Amended 01-12-04

**CHAPTER 7.23
REMOVAL BY CITY**

7.23.00 All owners or persons in possession of property abutting on sidewalks in the City are required to keep such sidewalks free from snow and/or ice; and to remove the same within forty-eight (48) hours after the termination of any snowfall or accumulation.

If the owner or person in possession fails or refuses to remove the snow and/or ice within forty-eight (48) hours after the termination of any snowfall or accumulation, the City may proceed to remove the snow and/or ice and charge the costs thereof to the abutting property.

Amended 12-10-18

**CHAPTER 7.24
CITY TO REMOVE; COSTS**

7.24.00 If the owner or person in possession of the property fails or refuses to remove the snow and/or ice from the sidewalks, the City may proceed to remove the snow and/or ice and charge the costs thereof against the abutting property the sum established by resolution and adopted by common council.

Amended 12-10-18

CHAPTER 12.20 SNOW REMOVAL

12.20.010 Public Nuisance Declared

12.20.020 Duty Of Owner

12.20.030 City May Cause To Be Removed

12.20.040 Violation--Penalty

12.20.010 Public Nuisance Declared

Snow and ice permitted to gather upon the sidewalks of Deadwood is dangerous to the safety of its citizens and others using such sidewalks and is declared a public nuisance.

(Prior code § 27-400)

12.20.020 Duty Of Owner

- A. The record owner of any building or ground within the city fronting upon or adjoining a street where a sidewalk exists in front of or adjoining such premises, shall clear or make arrangements to clear the sidewalk in front of or adjoining such buildings and ground to the width of the sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours after snow or ice has fallen or formed. Where it is impossible to take the snow and ice from the walk by reason of its being frozen to the sidewalk the record owner shall sprinkle or spread some suitable material upon the same to prevent the walk from becoming slippery and dangerous to travel.
- B. "Record owner" means the fee owner of real property as shown in the records of the register of deeds. A "contract purchaser" of real property means the record owner for the purpose of this section.

(Ord. 1127, 2009; Prior code § 27-401)

12.20.030 City May Cause To Be Removed

If the record owner of any building or lot fails or neglects to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk adjoining the property within twenty-four (24) hours after the same has fallen or formed, or who deliberately or intentionally places snow or ice on a public street or right-of-way in such a way as to obstruct the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, the city public works director or his or her designee may arrange for an independent contractor to remove the snow and ice. The city may also, at its discretion, remove the snow or ice if it deems such action appropriate. In either case, the city shall be entitled to a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fee for the costs of arranging the removal plus the actual cost paid to the contractor or, in the event the removal is done by city employees, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), which is listed in the city fee schedule which is set and amended by resolution. plus material per hour for each employee. Such sums shall be recoverable by the same legal means as for the recovery of other nuisance abatements, including, but not limited to, direct billing of the property owner, assessment of the sum against the property itself, or by bringing an action against the property owner. Each day the record owner fails to remove the snow and ice, after notice as provided for in this section, shall constitute a separate violation of this chapter and shall be subject to a civil fine in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day for each separate violation.

(Ord. 1240 (part), 2015; Ord. 1059, 2006; prior code § 27-402)

HISTORY

Amended by Ord. 1379 on 8/7/2023

12.20.040 Violation--Penalty

Any individual or business that fails to remove snow and ice or arrange for the removal of snow and ice within the period prescribed in Section 12.20.030, or who deliberately or intentionally removes snow or ice in such a way as to obstruct the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic on a public street, or who deliberately or intentionally places snow or ice on a public street or right-of-way in such a way as to obstruct the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day the above described failure or conduct continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 1240 (part), 2015; Ord. 1010 § 1 (part), 2003; amended during 2004 codification; prior code § 27-403)

REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS

Lead SD

§ 94.030 DUTY OF OWNER.

(A) It shall be the duty of the owner, manager or lessee of property abutting upon any sidewalk, to avoid slippery conditions dangerous to public travel, to keep sidewalks free from ice and snow at all times.

(B) All sidewalks shall be free from ice and snow no later than 24 hours after snowfall, except in unusual circumstances.

(Prior Code, § 18-400) (Ord. 930-00, passed 10-30-2000)

§ 94.031 CITY MAY REMOVE.

If the owner, manager or lessee of property abutting a sidewalk fails or refuses to remove snow and/or ice within the time period specified in § 94.030 above or to keep sidewalks free from snow and ice at all times, the Public Safety Administrator or designee may have the snow and/or ice removed and the cost of removal and any associated fines shall be charged against the property owner, manager or lessee.

(Prior Code, § 18-401) (Ord. 930-00, passed 10-30-2000; Ord. 996-09, passed 11-2-2009) Penalty, see § 94.999

§ 94.032 FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW; MISDEMEANOR.

It is unlawful for any property owner, manager or lessee to fail to comply with § 94.030 above, and failure to comply shall be a misdemeanor.

(Prior Code, § 18-403) (Ord. 930-00, passed 10-30-2000) Penalty, see § 94.999

§ 94.033 NOTICE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE.

(A) The Public Safety Administrator or designee shall, by public notice to owners, managers and/or lessees of any lot abutting upon any sidewalk, require all snow and ice on the sidewalk to be removed per city ordinance. The public notice may be given generally by one annual publication in the official newspaper of the city.

(B) The public notice shall provide that each owner, manager or lessee of all lots abutting upon any sidewalk within the city shall maintain the sidewalk to avoid slippery conditions at all times and shall have all sidewalks clear of snow and ice no less than 24 hours after snowfall, and shall further provide that in case of failure to comply the city will cause the same to be shoveled or cleared and assess the cost thereof and any applicable fines and administrative fees against the owner, manager or lessee. One public notice shall be sufficient for the winter season.

(C) The city shall attempt to contact the owner, manager or lessee of properties in violation prior to the city causing the shoveling or clearing thereof. Failure to actually make contact with the owner, manager or lessee shall not prohibit the city from enforcing this subchapter.

(D) During any one winter season, the attempt to contact the owner, manager or lessee will not be made if two or more violations have occurred. Upon the third winter seasonal violation, the city will cause the nuisance to be abated without notice and will continue to the same, for the winter season, for each subsequent violation.

(Ord. 930-00, passed 10-30-2000; Ord. 1044-16, passed 2-16-2016)

§ 94.034 SNOW INTO STREETS.

(A) Any individual or business who deliberately or intentionally removes snow or ice and places it into a public street, road or travel way shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to § 94.999.

(B) Placement of snow onto a street department-created pile or windrow will be allowed.

(C) Placement of hand-shoveled snow or ice, by residential homeowners or tenants, onto public streets, roads or travel ways prior to the removal of the snow by street crews shall be allowed. This placement of snow must be of a reasonable nature and must not create an additional burden to city crews.

(D) Individuals or businesses will not be allowed to plow snow onto public streets, roads or travel ways under any circumstances.

(Ord. 996-09, passed 11-2-2009) Penalty, see § 94.999

§ 94.035 ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS.

If it is prohibitive or not practical to remove ice that has frozen onto the sidewalk, the owner shall place some suitable material upon the same to prevent slipping or falling.

(Ord. 996-09, passed 11-2-2009) Penalty, see § 94.999

§ 94.036 VEHICLE MARKING.

Vehicles parked on or adjacent to city streets that are indistinguishable from the surrounding environment, due to snowfall, shall be considered a hazard. The owners/operators of such vehicles shall be required to mark the vehicle in a manner that the city snow plow operators are made aware of the hazard. The markings must be on each end of the hazard and visible to snow plow operators.

(Ord.996-09, passed 11-2-2009) Penalty, see § 94.999

12.12.090 Sidewalks—Snow and ice removal.



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It shall be the duty of the owner or person in possession or in charge of any lot, parcel or plot of ground fronting or abutting upon any sidewalk to keep the sidewalk free from snow and ice at all times. When it is impossible to take the snow and ice from the walk by reason of its being frozen to the sidewalk the owner or occupant shall sprinkle or spread some suitable material upon the same to prevent the walk from becoming slippery and dangerous to travel. Sidewalks that are not kept free from snow and ice are declared a nuisance, and upon the failure, neglect or refusal of any owner or person in possession or in charge of any lot, parcel or plot of ground fronting or abutting any sidewalk to comply with the provisions of this section, Code Enforcement or Building Services is authorized and empowered to cause such work as may be necessary to provide for compliance, and may defray the cost of abating the nuisance, including administrative costs, by taxing the cost thereof by special assessment against the real property on which the nuisance occurred in accordance with § 8.16.030. In addition to the abatement remedies provided in this section, any person violating this section shall be subject to the general penalty provision as set forth in § 1.12.010 of the Code.

(Ord. 6247, 2018; Ord. 5793, 2012)

12.12.100 Snow—Placing on public property.



It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to cause any snow removed from private property to be placed upon any public sidewalk, street or other public property without the written consent of the Director of Public Works. Any person violating this section shall be subject to the general penalty provision as set forth in § 1.12.010 of the Code.