

City of Pateros

2016-2017 Snow Response Plan



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OVERVIEW

The City of Pateros’ Public Works Department is the primary responder during snow events. Using truck plows, backhoe, skid-steer, sanders and other equipment, the Department is responsible for snow removal and de-icing activities within the City.

Our goals include: improving safety for the traveling public, ensuring that emergency responders can reach our citizens, and keeping people and commerce moving throughout our community. This Snow Response Plan is designed to guide our operations and priorities during these events.

WHAT IS A SNOW EVENT?

The snow season is defined as November to March. A Snow Event may be called at any time during these four months.

Snow Events:

Stage 1: Will be declared when there is 2 inches of snow on the ground and 4 inches or more anticipated during the current snow event.

Stage 2: Will be declared when there is 6 inches of snow on the ground with more anticipated during the current snow event.

Stage 3: Will be declared when snow fall rate is so high that City crews cannot effectively plow Major Collector Streets and Residential Hill Routes.

A Snow Event declaration activates:

- Snow removal activities.
- Parking restrictions.
- Public notification.

SNOW REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

When a Snow Event is declared, the City will change its normal Public Works operations to respond to conditions according to the following guidelines. During these events, employees from Water, Wastewater, and Parks will respond with equipment. During a Stage 2 Snow Event, the City may utilize private contract crews to further expand snow removal efforts.

The City primarily uses five pieces of equipment to remove snow roads. The old State truck is used to plow Collector Streets and the Downtown Loop. The one-ton truck is used to plow and sand hills, and the skid-steer is used to plow pedestrian walkways, and the new dump truck and backhoe are used to remove snow.

Stage 1: The City will remove snow from Residential Hill Routes, Collector Streets, Downtown Loop, and School District Loop. Snow removal efforts will expand into all City streets, sidewalks, trails, and City parking lots. A full plowing of the City takes one day, with additional cleanup and snow removal by loader the following day.

Because the City has limited crew and equipment, there will be times when plowing will take longer than a day, especially when crew is absent or equipment is being repaired. The following is a prioritized list of snow removal.

Residential Hill Routes: will be plowed and sanded. Watson Draw Road, Prior Drive, Edna Street, Pearl Street, Augusta Street, Park Street, Independence Street, Cemetery Road, Eveline Street, Florence Street, Craig Street, Mcalvey Dr., Stadium Way, Mansfield, North Street, and Kelly Street.

Downtown Loop: will be plowed: Lakeshore Drive, Commercial Avenue, and Dawson Street. The pedestrian mall, Pateros Mall, and sidewalks to be plowed.

School District Loop: Plowing to be coordinated with School District and all efforts will be given to have the School Loop plowed prior to School start times: North street between Warren and Beach; Beach from North to Chris, and Chris Street. Snow plowing to be followed by removal with loader as required.

Collector Streets: will be plowed: Warren Avenue, Ives Street, Beach Street, and Riverside Drive

Stage 2: A stage 2 snow event takes longer for the crews to plow. Priorities will be given to Residential Hill routes, Collector Streets, and the Downtown Loop. Crews will work reasonable amounts of overtime, but will be given time for rest. All routes will be plowed during a Stage 2 event. Depending on snow depth, moisture content, equipment availability, crew hours, and weather conditions a full plowing and cleanup will take approximately 2 days.

Stage 3: A Stage 3 snow will be managed similar to a Stage 3 event. A Stage 3 event will activate the use of private contractors to supplement City crews.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Stage 1 & 2: During a Stage 1 or Stage 2 Snow Event, vehicles must be moved off the street, including areas where there is designated street parking between the hours three a.m. and eight a.m. Drivers/owners will be given 6 hours to comply. When the snow has stopped, the street has been plowed, and forecasts don't call for 2 inches or more in the next 24 hours, normal parking will be reinstated.

Driver/owners will be given 6 hours to comply with parking restrictions. A letter of warning will be placed on the vehicle. A letter of warning will not be placed on repeat offenders. Vehicles may be towed for failing to comply with parking restrictions.

COMMUNICATIONS ACTION PLAN

Prior to the snow season each fall, the City will educate citizens and employees about snow events and the impacts through a variety of communication tools.

- Snow Removal Information flyers will be sent out in September, and will be available at City hall.
- Snow Removal Information will be available on the City's web site.
- Areas of designated parking will have a sign stating that between November and March a Snow Event may be declared and parking restrictions will be enforced.

When a snow event is declared, the City will notify citizens and employees of conditions through the front page of the City's web pages.

APPENDIX A

SNOW ORDINANCES

12.04.090 Owner or occupant to keep sidewalk clear of snow, ice or obstructions.

The owner or occupant of any house or other building, or the owner or proprietor, lessee or person entitled to the possession of any vacant lot, and any person having the charge of a church, public hall or public building, in the city, shall during the time that snow shall continue on the ground, by nine a.m. every morning clear the sidewalks in front of such house or other building, or in front of such lot, from snow and ice, and keep the same free from snow and ice during the day; or, shall, in case the snow or ice is so congealed that they cannot be removed without injury to the sidewalk, cause the said snow or ice to be strewed with ashes or sand, and shall also at all times, keep such sidewalks free and clear from all dirt, filth, or other obstructions or incumbrances, so as to allow the public full and free use of such sidewalks; any person refusing or neglecting to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Provided, that in cases of unrepresented nonresident property owners, the officer in charge of sidewalks shall have the sidewalks cleaned off or made safe in the manner hereinbefore provided for and report the expense thereof to the city council and said property owner shall be liable for said expense and in case he or she neglects or refuses to pay the same, the city shall recover the full amount thereof in a civil action thereon. (Ord. 46 § 12, 1917)

12.04.100 Dumping of snow on public streets.

It is unlawful for any person, by any means, to scrape, plow, dump, push or deposit snow or ice on, into or upon any street, highway, alley or upon any fire hydrant or traffic sign in the city; provided, however, this section shall not prevent the removal of snow from public sidewalks into the streets or prohibit the city, county or state snow removal or street maintenance operation. Violators of this section shall be liable for the costs of removal of snow as determined by the city, and in the case that such violator neglects or refuses to pay the same, the city shall recover the full amount of such costs in a civil action thereon. (Ord. 688 § 1, 2011)

8.12.040 Accumulation of refuse.

No garbage or refuse container shall contain earth, rocks, heavy refuse, or hot ashes. The occupant of property shall keep the area around the garbage receptacle clean and shall keep the receptacle easily available during periods when snow is on the ground. (Ord. 451 § 4, 1987)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PATEROS, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS DURING SNOW EVENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Pateros, Washington, hereinafter "City", has adopted a snow removal response plan and snow removal policy outlining how the City will respond to snow events within the municipal limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, such snow removal policy and snow removal response plan are necessary to improve and ensure the safety of the traveling public, ensure that emergency responders can reach any member of the public and to keep the public and commerce moving throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to establish certain parking restrictions to augment and provide for enforcement of the snow removal policy and snow removal response plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pateros, Washington, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT.

A. Section 10.10.010 of the Pateros Municipal Code, which reads as follows:

10.10.010 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions are hereby adopted:

"Park" means to stop, place or cease movement of a vehicle at a particular place, with or without a driver, occupant or occupants.

"Vehicle" means any automobile, truck motorcycle or other motorized vehicle, bicycle or mechanical or wheeled trailer capable of being towed behind a motorized vehicle.

be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.10.010 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions are hereby adopted:

"Park" means to stop, place or cease movement of a vehicle at a particular place, with or without a driver, occupant or occupants.

"Snow Event" means when snow has or is forecast to occur during the months of November, December, January, February or March when the City has declared a Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 snow event.

"Stage 1 Snow Event" means a snow event when two (2) inches or more of snow has accumulated over a twenty-four (24) hour period, or when two (2) inches or more of snow is forecasted by any weather reporting agency to accumulate over a twenty-four (24) hour period.

"Stage 2 Snow Event" means a snow event when six (6) inches or more of snow has accumulated during a snow event, and additional snow is forecasted during such snow event by a weather reporting agency.

"Stage 3 Snow Event" means a snow event when the snow fall rate exceeds the amount that City crews can effectively plow on major collector streets and residential hill routes.

"Vehicle" means any automobile, truck, motorcycle, ATV, or other motorized vehicle, bicycle or mechanical or wheeled trailer capable of being towed behind a motorized vehicle.

B. Section 10.10.020 of the Pateros Municipal Code, which reads as follows:

10.10.020 Parking prohibited.

Parking shall be prohibited on the south side of Beach Street, starting at the intersection of North Street and ending at the school property (between signs), from December 1st through March 1st of each year.

be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.10.020 Parking during Snow Event prohibited.

During a Snow Event, parking shall be prohibited on all streets within the municipal limits of the City between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Any vehicle found parking on any City streets between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. during a Snow Event will be first issued a letter of warning of such violation from the City, which will be placed on the vehicle. The driver and/or owner of the vehicle must remove the vehicle to a place off of the City streets within six (6) hours of issuance of the letter of warning. Letters of warning will only be placed upon vehicles for the first offense of failing to comply with the requirements of this section.

- C.** Section 10.10.030 of the Pateros Municipal Code, which reads as follows:

10.10.030 Sign posting.

The prohibited parking area described in Section 10.10.020 herein shall be clearly marked and signs posted designating such areas and parking restrictions.

be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.10.030 Sign posting.

Any areas of designated parking within the City will be clearly marked, and signs posted designating that between November and March a Snow Event may be declared and parking restrictions will be enforced.

- D.** Section 10.10.040 of the Pateros Municipal Code, which reads as follows:

10.10.040 Violation - Penalty.

Parking a vehicle in violation of Section 10.10.020 herein shall be a civil infraction. Civil infractions under this chapter shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Such penalty shall be in addition to any expenses incurred by the owner of the vehicle under Section 10.10.050.

be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.10.040 Violation - Penalty.

A violation of this chapter shall be deemed to be a civil infraction, and upon conviction, shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per offense. Each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offense. Such penalty shall be in addition to any expenses incurred by the owner and/or driver of the vehicle under Section 10.10.050.

- E.** Section 10.10.050 of the Pateros Municipal Code, which reads as follows:

10.10.050 Removal of vehicle.

Any vehicle found to be left in a prohibited parking area as designated in Section 10.10.020 for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours may be removed by the city of Pateros, and all expenses incurred in such removal and/or storage shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of the vehicle.

be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.10.050 Impoundment.

Any vehicle found to be left and not removed six (6) hours after the issuance of a letter of warning pursuant to Section 10.10.020, or upon the second violation of Section 10.10.020, may be impounded at the request of the City, and all expenses incurred in such impoundment and/or storage shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of the vehicle.

SECTION 2 – SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage by the Council, approval by the Mayor and five (5) days after publication as required by law.

PASSED by the City Council of City of Pateros, Washington, at the regular meeting thereof on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Carlene Anders, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kerri Wilson, City Clerk-Treasurer

W. Scott DeTro, City Attorney