

Snow Emergency Parking Program

CITY OF RICHFIELD

DATE: November 2, 2023

SUBJECT: Snow Emergency Parking Program

Introduction

The department has come to understand that its existing snow emergency policies may cause hardship for residents who do not have access to off-street parking. The purpose of this program is to limit/reduce ticketing and towing of vehicles which burden residents that do not have access to off-street parking. With the implementation of this program, the department strives to provide temporary parking options for those residents who do not have adequate off-street parking while also ensuring that our snow removal efforts continue to best serve Richfield as a whole.

Definitions

“Snow emergency” means that period of time in which on-street parking is restricted following a snowfall of four (4) inches or more and/or upon the declaration of a snow emergency by the City Manager as detailed in section 1305.13 of the Richfield Municipal Code (Attachment #1).

“Snow emergency parking area” means those areas which are exempt from standard snow emergency parking restrictions for 24 hours following the declaration of a snow emergency. Snow emergency parking areas are designated by the City Manager or designee.

“Snow emergency parking area sign” means specially designed and installed signs that indicate a street is within a snow emergency parking area and is exempt from the standard snow emergency parking restrictions for 24 hours. An example of a snow emergency parking sign is attached to program (Attachment #2).

Program

Snow emergency parking areas will be available for a total of 24 hours after a snow emergency is declared. Snow emergency parking area signs will mark those areas where parking is allowed. The City of Richfield’s website will indicate the specific time at which a snow emergency was declared, or residents can call the Richfield Snow Information Hotline at 612-861-9178. After the 24 hour snow emergency parking area period has expired, the city will begin clearing snow in these areas and any cars that remain are subject to a ticket and tow, per normal procedure. For these parking areas to work correctly, it is important that residents promptly retrieve their vehicles after their street or parking lot has been cleared.

Snow Emergency Parking Areas

The City Manager has designated the following stretches of roadway as snow emergency parking areas:

- Cedar Avenue—East side, from 66th Street to Diagonal Boulevard; and
- Cedar Avenue—Both sides, from 67th Street to 75th Street.

These snow emergency parking areas are clearly marked with a snow emergency parking area sign. A map of these snow emergency parking areas is attached to this program (Attachment #3).

Program Feedback and Review

Interested residents who have questions, comments or concerns about the program should contact Deputy Public Works Director Chris Link by calling 612-861-9174 or emailing clink@richfieldmn.gov.

The City will review, update or modify this program as needed and at a minimum annually.

1305.13. Snow removal.

Subdivision 1.Snow emergency parking restrictions. After a snowfall of two (2) inches or more and/or upon the declaration of a snow emergency by the City manager or a designee, no person shall stop, stand, park or leave any vehicle or permit it to stand upon any street or highway. Lawful parking may be resumed on such streets or highways only after the snow has been removed or plowed curb to curb. (Amended, Bill No. 1996-20)

Subd. 2.Emergencies: further restrictions. If the City manager finds it necessary for purposes of the safety and welfare of the City or to facilitate any construction, maintenance, or repair of a street or highway in the City the manager may initiate and enforce necessary emergency procedures to further restrict parking of vehicles on streets or highways in the City.

Subd. 3.Vehicle removal. The removal and disposal of vehicles under this subsection shall be in accordance with this code.

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