

Winter Parking

In an effort to enhance winter road maintenance operations, the City has changed its seasonal parking regulations which begin December 1st and remain in effect until April 1st.

No longer will the City utilize the alternate side parking provisions that permitted vehicles to park on the odd side of the street on odd numbered calendar days, and on the even side of the street on even numbered calendar days, regardless of weather conditions.

Rather, parking will be permitted on either side of the street except when the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued any of the following winter storm messages for our area: winter weather advisory, winter storm warning, or blizzard warning. Whenever those messages have been issued, parking is prohibited at all times on all streets, except for those in the downtown central business district. In addition, the parking prohibition remains in effect from 12-hours after the expiration of the winter storm message. The revised seasonal parking regulations will make winter road maintenance operations safer, more efficient and less costly. No longer will plow truck operators have to navigate around parked vehicles, or have the need to return the following day to clear the opposite side of the street where vehicles had been parked. Vehicles parked in violation of the seasonal parking regulations may be cited and towed and the vehicle owner will be responsible for all costs with their removal and storage. All other parking regulations remain in effect. **Residents that would appreciate receiving an email notification warning them of snow emergencies can send an email request to info@cityofelkhorn.org. Please type "Snow Emergency" into the subject line of the email request.**



Make your driveway snow Removal easier and safer:

Place snow on the far side of your driveway, away from the direction the plow is traveling. In most cases, this means placing the snow on the right side of your driveway as you face the road. This way the plow will carry the snow away from your driveway, rather than back into it.

Do NOT shovel, blow, or plow snow from your driveway into or across the road. It is a violation of City Ordinance. Remember, you are also responsible for the actions of your contractor! Ord. 8.02.8(3).

Do NOT allow children to play on snow banks along the side of the road.

Winter Driving Tips

- Keep good, all-season tires on your car.
- Clean your vehicle of all snow and ice, including the roof.
- Allow extra time to reach your destination. During storms, travel only when absolutely necessary.
- Keep a safe distance from plow trucks and other vehicles.
- If you are on a **dry, clear road** and you reach the same fixed point before you have counted 'two' then you are too close and need to drop further back, to create the minimum of a **two-second gap**.
- If you are on a **wet road** then you need to have at least a **four-second gap**.
- If it's **icy** or you are driving on **snow** then it is wise to create at least a **ten-second gap**.



Knowing Your Responsibilities as a Resident !



Elkhorn Police Department

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Elkhorn WI 53121
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Emergency—911

www.cityofelkhorn.org

Obstructing Public Right of Way Ord. 7.11(2)

Obstructing Right-of-Way. No vehicle shall be permitted to obstruct the public right-of-way at any time. This includes the obstruction of sidewalks by parking over them.

Front Lawn Parking Prohibited 7.11(5)

Parking in Front Yard in Residential District. No person shall park or store any motor vehicle in the established front yard of any residential district except upon a driveway which shall be delineated by the area leading directly from the street to a garage, carport or rear yard parking area. Any vehicle parked in the front yard, shall be parked with all wheels on the driveway surface, without obstructing the sidewalk or the driveway apron. The above notwithstanding, parking off the driveway in the front yard is permitted under the following limited conditions:

Reference Numbers:

City Hall - 723- 2910

Public Works - 723-2223

Parks/Recreation - 723-5114

Road Conditions - 511

Weather Reports Online:

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mkx/>

<http://www.511wi.gov/Web/>

CLEARING SIDEWALK OF SNOW & ICE Ord. 8.02.8 (2)

Changes have been made to Chapter 8 of the City Code related to winter sidewalk clearing. Previously, a written notice to the owner or occupant of a property stating that snow and/or ice must be removed from the sidewalk was required before the City could take action. The revised language now allows the City to have the snow and/or ice removed and to charge the property owner without prior notice. The Code states that the entire width of the sidewalk needs to be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within 24 hours of the time that the snow or ice ceases to accumulate. If ice has accumulated, the owner is required to sprinkle the sidewalk with necessary material to accelerate melting or prevent slipping. Owners of property with sidewalks on two intersecting streets are required to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks of both streets, including the area bordering the crosswalk and the curb ramp. These changes were made in an effort to ensure safe passage for all pedestrians



KEEPING FIRE HYDRANTS VISIBLE

The City of Elkhorn Department of Public Works is requesting the help of residents in maintaining access to fire hydrants during the upcoming winter season. Any resident of the City who has a fire hydrant located on their property is asked to remove the snow from around the hydrant immediately following each snow occurrence. Fire hydrants need to be kept clear in the event that City emergency personnel may require immediate access and use of a hydrant. So help us help you, and together we can keep the residents of Elkhorn safe.

The City of Elkhorn Department of Public Works would like to thank all of the residents who continue to maintain a clean area around fire hydrants during the winter season.

CATCH BASINS & STORM INLETS

Help minimize street flooding by shoveling snow and ice from in front of the storm inlet nearest your house. This includes keeping catch basin grates free of leaves and other debris all year long!

SIDEWALK APPROACHES/ CORNER LOTS

Responsibility of Property Owners. The owner of property abutting sidewalks on 2 intersecting streets shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks of both streets, including that portion of the sidewalks bordering the crosswalk, **including the curb ramp**, if any.