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WINTER WEATHER WARNING **SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

Due to current weather conditions, the Director of Public Works has declared a “Snow Emergency” for the City of Rockford beginning at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 28, 2015.

This is in anticipation of a residential plowing and/or salting operation during the overnight hours. Decisions about further deployment into residential routes will be made, as needed, according to developing conditions.

The Odd/Even parking ordinance will be placed in effect at that time and citizens will be required to follow this protocol or move their vehicles off the street until further notice.

As of 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 28, 2015, vehicles shall be parked on the even side of the street.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 29, 2015, vehicles shall be parked on the odd side of the street.

The Snow Emergency will be in effect until the Public Works Department deems it no longer necessary. Updates to the Snow Emergency will be provided throughout the week as weather conditions evolve.

WHAT DOES THE ODD/EVEN PARKING MEAN TO ME?

In order for our crews to remove snow and ice from city streets, we must have the ability to safely and effectively maneuver a plow up and down our streets. If a snow or ice storm reaches the point that streets are becoming difficult to clear, city officials can declare a Snow Emergency. A Snow Emergency requires that vehicles be parked on the odd side of the street when the date ends in an odd number and on the even side of the street when the date ends on an even number. For example, on January 5th, you would park on the odd side of the street. Police will issue parking tickets at the cost of \$50.00 to vehicles that are parked on the wrong side of the street. It's safe to assume that if it's snowing the Odd/Even Parking is in effect.

The residential area between 20th St. west to Kishwaukee St., Harrison Avenue north to Rural St. has been problematic for the City Crews to plow during past storms, due to vehicles parked on both sides of the street. We would encourage citizens in this area to move their vehicles either off the street or to the appropriate side of the street as specified by the odd/even parking.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- If your street is marked as "No Parking" on one side of the street, the Snow Emergency Declaration allows you to park legally in the restricted area during the time that the Snow Emergency Declaration is in effect.
- Do not assume that you can move your car when the street is plowed. Your car must remain parked appropriately until after the Snow Emergency has been lifted.
- All vehicles must be moved to the correct side of the street at 8:00 a.m.

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