

**CITY OF FAIRBANKS**



**DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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Dear Resident,

As the seasons change, it is time to prepare for snow and ice. Vehicles that will not be driven in the winter need to be moved and parked off the street so as to not interfere with snow removal. As a friendly reminder, City code does not allow snow from private property to be pushed onto sidewalks and streets and requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow and ice by adjacent property owners. Only snow from sidewalks can be pushed to curbside where it then can be removed during snow removal operations.

The City budget and limited snow storage capacity provides for only removing snow from public streets and sidewalks. During the heavy snow fall last winter there were instances where businesses and home owners pushed snow from their private properties onto public streets, sidewalks and alleys. These actions created unsafe driving conditions and hazards to pedestrians who were forced to walk on streets.

Recently, the City Council updated City Code 70-321 clarifying enforcement of violations for moving snow from private property onto sidewalks and streets and failure to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Violators will be contacted by the Public Works Director and given 24 hours to remedy the violation. Failure to do so will result in a minimum of a \$200 service charge or the actual costs of snow removal whichever is higher. Repeat offenders will also be cited by the Police Department for a minor offense fine of \$200.

At Public Works our mission is to keep the City clean and our streets and sidewalks safe. We appreciate the many responsible residents and businesses who comply with city code. By working together, we can be more productive and efficient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jeff Jacobson".

Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director

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