

Ordinance No. 108

Snow Removal, Parking

An ordinance regulating parking of motor vehicles and/or fish houses/trailers/RV/campers/5th wheels on public streets in the City of Lowry during snow removal, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

The City council of Lowry, Minnesota ordains:

1. General Snow Removal Operation

The City contracted company for snow removal and city official(s) will determine when to conduct snow or ice removal operations. The criteria for such determinations will be:

- a. *Snow accumulation that makes travel difficult*
- b. *Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel*
- c. *Icy conditions that seriously affect travel*
- d. *Timing of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of the streets*

Snowplowing operations will not generally be conducted for snowfalls of less than one (1) inch on residential streets. Downtown streets will be plowed regardless of snow fall. Snow and ice removal operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of snowplow operators or equipment. Factors that may delay snow and ice control operations include, but are not limited to: severe cold, strong winds and limited visibility.

2. General Parking Prohibition

No motor vehicle and/or fish houses/trailers/RV/campers/5th wheels shall be parked on any public street for more than five (5) continuous days.

3. Winter Parking Restrictions

- A) No motor vehicle and/or fish houses/trailers/RV/campers/5th wheels shall be parked on any public street, until it has been plowed, when there has been an accumulation of new snow to a depth of two (2) or more inches. Parking restriction is effective from 2:30 AM to 9:00 AM.
- B) Parking in front of business establishments during restricted periods shall be permitted if the owner or operator of the vehicle and/or fish houses/trailers/RV/campers/5th wheels is inside the business establishment and is available to move the vehicle upon request for snow removal operations.
- C) Parking may be resumed on individual streets as soon as the snow has been removed and doesn't interfere with the remaining snow removal operations.

4. Impoundment

At the direction of the City Council, any motor vehicle and/or fish houses/trailers/RV/campers/5th wheels parked in violation of this Ordinance, if unoccupied, may be towed away at the owner's expense. The City may request or contract with a private garage or towing service to tow away and impound any vehicles in violation thereof. The City of Lowry does not assume any responsibility for any damage or loss occurring during the towing and impoundment under this Ordinance.

5. Prohibition of Snow Removal from Private Property

No person shall remove snow from private property and deposit on any public street or right-of way. Also, no person shall pile snow on the corners of the street intersection in a sufficient quantity that would interfere with vision of motor vehicles or pedestrians. The City Council will determine if snow deposited in the street or if vision is obstructed and notice will be sent to property owner or tenant to remove. If the snow is not removed and has to be removed by the City, the cost of removal shall be assessed and charged to the person or property owner in violation thereof.

6. Penalty

In the event that a motor vehicle and/or fish houses/trailers/RV/campers/5th wheels is not moved off a public street after there has been an accumulation of new snow to a depth of two (2) or more inches, the City may have such vehicle and/or fish houses/trailers/RV/campers/5th wheels towed at owner's expense. Violation of other provisions with this Ordinance may result in a fine that will not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after this passage and publication summary of its contents according to the law.

Adopted by the City Council this 5th day of January, 2021.

Daniel Sutton, Mayor

ATTEST: Kristi Kramber, City Clerk