

SNOW REMOVAL



As there is no official policy for alternate side parking within the City of Ellsworth, residents are obligated to move or remove parked vehicles from the roadway to facilitate the effective plowing of the roadway. If snowplows are forced to go around parked vehicles, the snow surrounding the car can create a hazard to the traveling public as well as plow operators and equipment. Vehicles that have been parked on ANY street longer than 12 hours and have prohibited the complete clearing of the street may be ticketed by the Nobles County Sheriff's Department and may be towed at the owner's expense. The City has a snow removal policy. Please go to the city website and click on the link to this policy. You may obtain a printed copy at the city clerk office. www.ellsworth.mn.citygovt.org

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The City of Ellsworth can prohibit the deposit of snow on the street from private property owners. Essentially the city can clear the snow from the street. If the individual property owner chooses to have a parking lot or spaces (or driveway) then they would be responsible for removing the snow on that area. Even if it is snow the city pushes there in the process of cleaning the street. For instance, your driveway. **But the property owner does not have the right to take this snow and move it back to the street or to move snow from their private property to the street.** Please be patient. Snow removal does take time.

***** The city is NOT responsible for trailers, or personal property that has not been removed off the city streets while snow removal is being done. *****

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

CITY ORDINANCE 705.02 Snow, Ice, Dirt and Rubbish.

Subd. 1 Duty of Owners and Occupants. The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. No owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a violation.

Subd. 2 Removal by City. The city may cause removal from all public sidewalks all snow, ice, dirt and rubbish as soon as possible beginning 24 hours after any matter has been deposited or after the snow has ceased to fall. The City shall keep a record showing the cost of the removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel.

