**Alternate Side Parking – Effective from November 1st –April 1st**

It’s November already and winter is just around the corner and we all know what that means, SNOW is coming and alternate side parking restrictions have gone into effect. Now when we park our cars on the street to be left there overnight we have to think about whether it’s an even day or odd day of the month and which side of the street has even or odd building numbers. It can be quite confusing and you might even be asking yourself why we have alternate side parking restrictions anyway.

**Why do we have alternate side parking?**

Alternate side parking is intended to help snowplows clear the streets and intersection to the curb without parked cars hindering their progress. We all know how bad the streets can get when the plows can’t keep streets free of compacted snow ruts, ice accumulations, frozen slush, and snow piles and cars being parked partially in traffic. It’s like being bounced around while 4-wheeling on an unmaintained logging trail and maneuvering around fallen trees. We all like plowed roads that are safe to travel on.

**How to determine the date and which side of the street to park (Date at 2 a.m. = even or odd side)**

There are 3 important numbers to remember. The first number is the date, second is the time and thirdly are building numbers. According to the Ordinance, 2 a.m. is the time that determines the date, not 5 p.m., 6 p.m., or 7 p.m. when you might be parking your car for the night, but 2 a.m. the following day.

Here is an example: the date is the 10th when you park your car in the evening before midnight but when it becomes 2 a.m. it is now the following day with a date of the 11th so your vehicle should be parked on the odd side of the street. Remember when parking your vehicle overnight on the street the date changes after midnight and the restriction goes into effect at 2 a.m.

Here is an equations that might help in determining which side of the street to park on:

**Date at 2 a.m. = even or odd side parking.**

**The Ordinance and Fine.**

Sec. 44-124. - Parking restricted or prohibited.

d) Night restricted parking. After the hour of 2:00 a.m. and before 6:00 a.m., motor vehicles or any other type of vehicle shall be parked on even-numbered calendar dates on the side of the street where the dwellings are even-numbered and on days having odd-numbered calendar dates on the side of the street having odd-numbered dwellings. This provision shall be effective between November 1 and April 1 following each year. The effective calendar date shall be determined as of the date at 2:00 a.m. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to all streets in the city except as otherwise specified herein.

The fine is $15.00 to $20.00 after 5 days.