

Snow & Ice Control Policy

While Chapter **38-30 – Snow and Ice Removal** contains the municipal ordinance requirements, this departmental policy is used to describe the operational aspects of the City's Snow & Ice Control Operations.

The Public Works Department has a total of 13 units available for snow removal from streets and City owned parking lots. The City is divided into areas or zones with one unit being assigned each area. Whenever and wherever possible, the same driver or operator will be assigned the same area or zone for each snow removal operation. This will allow the driver or operator to become familiar with the area; they will know problem areas; they will know traffic patterns; danger areas and will be able to accomplish the snow removal operation in the least possible time.

In the event of break down, accident, etc. involving a snow removal unit, the area or zone to which the unit was assigned may not be plowed until other areas are cleared of snow and another unit is available for work.

It shall be the policy of the City to draw personnel from other departments to assist the Street department in clearing snow. The use of these employees will be an "as needed" basis and dependent on the availability of equipment and personnel.

De-Icing Plan

The City of Tomah has a total of approximately 90 miles of local roads. It has 4 (four) salt trucks available with operators to sand/salt the entire City. It is evident that the entire City cannot be sanded/salted immediately; therefore,

Priorities have been established to ensure the safe flow of traffic in high volume traffic areas.

Priority one – Principal arterial

- Superior Ave. – Arthur St. to Elizabeth St., Gopher Ave. (emergency route)

Priority two – Minor arterial

- Parkview Dr., Jackson St., Butts Ave., Sime Ave., Townline Rd., Industrial Ave., N Glendale Ave.

Priority three – Collator

- Gopher Ave., Hollister Ave., W. Monowau St., Kilbourn Ave., Arthur St., LaGrange Ave.

Priority four – All remaining local roads and alleys

Along this same line, not all streets will be de- iced by use of salt or sand and it is not the policy of the City to have bare pavement on all City streets. Those street areas falling in priority one and two will be de – iced using salt or sand. Those streets falling in priority three will have intersection salt and sand application and those streets in priority four will be de – iced with salt or sand.

Snow Accumulation Depth

It shall be the policy of the City of Tomah to remove snow from the streets when and if the accumulation reaches three (3) inches or more. Lesser amounts may be removed upon decision of supervisory personnel.

Snow Loading Operation

Snow dumping sites in several locations will be used. These sites will be cleaned in the spring after the snow melts.

Downtown Snow Removal

Upon completion of regular snow removal operations, the Public Works Department will enter the snow loading operation. Normally this operation is not started until one to two workdays after a snowstorm.

Providing Salt or Sand

The City shall not make available to the public any salt, sand, or other material other than prescribed in this policy.

38-30 (c) Deposit of snow on streets or sidewalks

(1) No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice taken and removed from his premises or elsewhere upon any sidewalk, alley, parkway, public place or street in the city, except snow removed from sidewalk areas where there are no boulevards or terraces. Snow shall not be piled at or near intersections so as to obstruct the view of pedestrians or operators of motor vehicles.

(2) No person shall remove or deposit any snow from building rooftops into a public alley, except by specific permission of the director of public works, and if such permission is granted, the deposited snow must be moved from the alley within a reasonable length of time to be designated by the director of public works at the time permission is granted.

(Ord. No. 2010-12-04-D, § 1, 12-14-2010)