

CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE

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SNOW & ICE CONTROL POLICIES AND ORDINANCES

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SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY**

I. INTRODUCTION

The City of White Bear Lake believes that it is in the best interest of the residents for the City to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on City streets, sidewalks and parking lots. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The City will provide such control in a safe and cost-effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The City will use City employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide this service. It is not possible or practicable for snow and ice to be fully removed from all surfaces or prevented from accumulating on surfaces. The City encourages and expects that City residents and other members of the traveling public will at all times conduct their activities mindful of conditions, hazards, and what is necessary to remain safe.

II. COMMENCEMENT OF SNOW OR ICE CONTROL OPERATIONS

The Public Works Superintendent will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations. The basic criteria for that decision are:

- A. Snow removal operations will begin when three (3) inches or more accumulate or when the Superintendent or Street Lead Person determines plowing is necessary. Night-time plowing will usually begin at approximately 2:00 A.M. However, starting time may vary according to weather conditions.
- B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel; and
- D. Time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of streets.

Snow and ice control operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. Consequently snowplowing operations will not generally be conducted for snowfall of less than three (3) inches.

III. MOVEMENT OF SNOW

Snow will be plowed in a manner so as to minimize any traffic obstructions. The center of the roadway will be plowed first with snow being pushed to the boulevard.

Snow will be removed from major arterial streets first, starting at centerline and plowed to the curb. Plow district units will work together in the cleaning of these streets, (i.e. tandem plowing). These streets will be maintained even in a blizzard event. These major arterial streets are identified on the plowing maps.

In times of extreme snowfall, streets will not always immediately be able to be completely cleared of snow from curb to curb. Any additional plowing during a blizzard or heavy snow six (6) inches or

above will be determined by emergency needs only. The Public Works Department will coordinate with Police and Fire operations to accommodate emergencies.

IV. SNOW REMOVAL

The Public Works Superintendent will determine when snow will be removed by truck from an area. Such snow removal will occur in areas where there is no room on the boulevard for snow storage and in areas where accumulated piles of snow create a hazardous condition. Snow removal operations will not commence until other snowplowing operations have been completed. Snow removal operations may also be delayed depending on weather conditions, personnel and budget availability. The snow will be removed and hauled to a snow storage area. The snow storage area will be located so as to minimize environmental impacts.

V. STREET PLOWING PRIORITIES AND SCHEDULE

The City has classified City streets based on the street function, traffic volume, and importance to the welfare of the community. Those streets classified as “Arterial Streets” will be plowed first. These are high volume routes which connect major sections of the City and provide access for emergency fire, police and medical services.

Public Works personnel and equipment will be assigned to plowing districts and routes before the snow season begins. Drivers and operators will be expected to work a regular eight (8) hour shift with an additional four (4) hours of overtime if possible and if it is necessary. Upon completion of twelve (12) hour shifts, drivers will be substituted for, if requested. In case of personnel or equipment shortages, contractors may be called in to supplement City forces.

Additional snowplowing and salt applications will be conducted when the Superintendent of Public Works or Street Lead Person determines that it is necessary to have plows and distributors on the road. Information regarding conditions will also be received from the Police Department.

In case of severe weather, only arterial streets and emergency plowing will be conducted. Plow trucks are radio-equipped in the event drivers need assistance. The safety of the drivers and the public will always be foremost. All City employees are responsible for their own personal safety, as well as that of fellow employees.

Priority sequence of activities to remove snow and ice from City streets and sidewalks and procedures for salt applications on streets in the City of White Bear Lake are as follows:

PRIORITY 1

All arterial streets in the six (6) plowing districts will be cleared first. Each district is assigned to a specific driver with a truck-mounted plow and the downtown district is assigned to two (2) operators with front-end loaders. A seventh truck-mounted plow is used in a reserve capacity to assist with special circumstances and to windrow snow in the downtown area.

Additional trucks and equipment will be contracted to assist with hauling snow from the downtown areas and to plow parking lots and cul-de-sacs.

PRIORITY 2

All non-arterial streets will be plowed according to a district route. Drivers will begin plowing routes and cul-de-sacs at a different part of their district each time streets are plowed.

PRIORITY 3

All high priority intersections will have de-icing chemical (salt) applied, if necessary. Any other de-icing necessary will be completed at this time.

PRIORITY 4

All drivers will assist in other zones if their zones are completed ahead of schedule and do any cleanup work necessary.

VI. DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL

Downtown snow removal (including parking lots) will commence at approximately 2:00 A.M. Sidewalk crews begin at 2:00 A.M. Windrowing and intersection cleaning will begin at 3:00 A.M. Truck loading begins at 4:00 A.M. De-icing chemical will be applied after snow is removed, if necessary.

VII. SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

As there are a limited number of personnel available, sidewalk cleaning will begin as soon as possible after significant snowfall and continue until complete unless interrupted by changing weather conditions, equipment failure or other factors. The City will maintain sidewalks by moving snow with a snowblower or plow. Sidewalks will be cleared of accumulated snow, but will not be maintained to a “clean pavement” condition (i.e., one to two inches of snow will remain on sidewalks after snowblowing operations). Sidewalks along major arterial roads such as trunk highways and county roads, which are impacted by plowing operations of other agencies, will be open as feasible during winter months. Sidewalks will be cleared as close as feasible to pedestrian push-button pedestals.

Sidewalks are sorted into three groups.

PRIORITY 1

Downtown sidewalks, school walking routes and high use areas along main roads.

PRIORITY 2

Walks expanding out from the school and along major roads.

PRIORITY 3

Residential and industrial areas.

VIII. SKATING RINKS

Ice skating rinks will be cleaned of snow following completion of the snow removal from streets and sidewalks.

IX. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Snow and ice control operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of City employees and equipment. Factors that may delay snow and ice control operations include: severe cold, significant winds and limited visibility.

X. USE OF SAND, SALT AND OTHER CHEMICALS

The City will use sand, salt and other chemicals when there is hazardous ice or slippery conditions. The City is always striving to limit the amount of chemical use and still provide a safe traveling road surface.

XI. WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS (603.060, 603.070, 603.080)

§603.060 PARKING; WINTER PARKING. No owner of a motor vehicle shall leave, park or permit the same to stand on any City street, alley or in a Municipal Parking Lot for more than twenty-four (24) hours during the period from November First (1st) through April First (1st) of each year. (Ref. §502.050, Code 1966; Ord Nos. 439, 12/13/66; 574 6/13/75).

§603.070 PARKING; PARKING AFTER SNOWFALL. No owner of a vehicle shall leave, park or permit same to stand on any City street, alley or in a Municipal Parking Lot, except in compliance with the direction of a police officer, for a period of time commencing immediately after the accumulation thereon of three (3) inches or more of snow, and continuing until the snow has been removed to the full width of the street, alley or parking lot. (Ref. §502.060, Code 1966; Ord. Nos. 439, 12/13/66; 574, 6/24/75; 714, 3/12/86).

§603.080 PARKING; TOWING AND STORAGE, LIEN. The City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to have removed any vehicle on any street, alley or in a Municipal Parking Lot in violation of Sections 603.060 and 603.070 of the Code or stalled thereon and to have such vehicle placed in a garage or outdoor area by any person engaged in the general garage or filling station business in the City. Such vehicle shall not be removed from there until reasonable costs of storing and towing same have been fully paid. The City Manager shall have the further authority to direct employees of the City to remove any such vehicle and in that event the City Manager may impose a charge to be paid to the City Clerk before said vehicle may be taken or recovered by the owner thereof.

In the event that any vehicle held or stored by the direction of the City Manager, upon which there are charges for storage or towing or both, shall not be reclaimed, recovered or taken by the owner thereof, there shall be deemed to be imposed upon such vehicle a possessory lien in the amount so charged and unpaid and should the owner thereof fail to pay the same then the possessory lien may be foreclosed in the manner provided for by law. (Ref §502.070, Code 1966; Ord. Nos. 439, 12/13/66; 574, 6/24/75).

RESOLUTION NO.: 11906

RESOLUTION ADOPTING SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of White Bear Lake believes that it is in the best interest of the residents for the City to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on City streets; and

WHEREAS, reasonable snow and ice control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the City will provide such control in a safe and cost-effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City will use City employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide this service; and

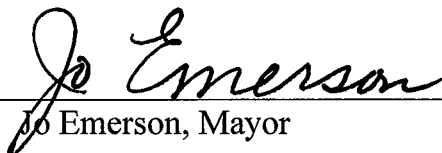
WHEREAS, a Snow and Ice Maintenance Policy has been developed and recommended by City staff; and

WHEREAS, adoption of said policy has been determined to be in the best interest of the City of White Bear Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of White Bear Lake, Minnesota that said Snow and Ice Maintenance Policy is hereby approved and adopted.

The foregoing resolution, offered by Councilmember **Engstran** and seconded by Councilmember **Walsh**, was declared carried on the following vote:

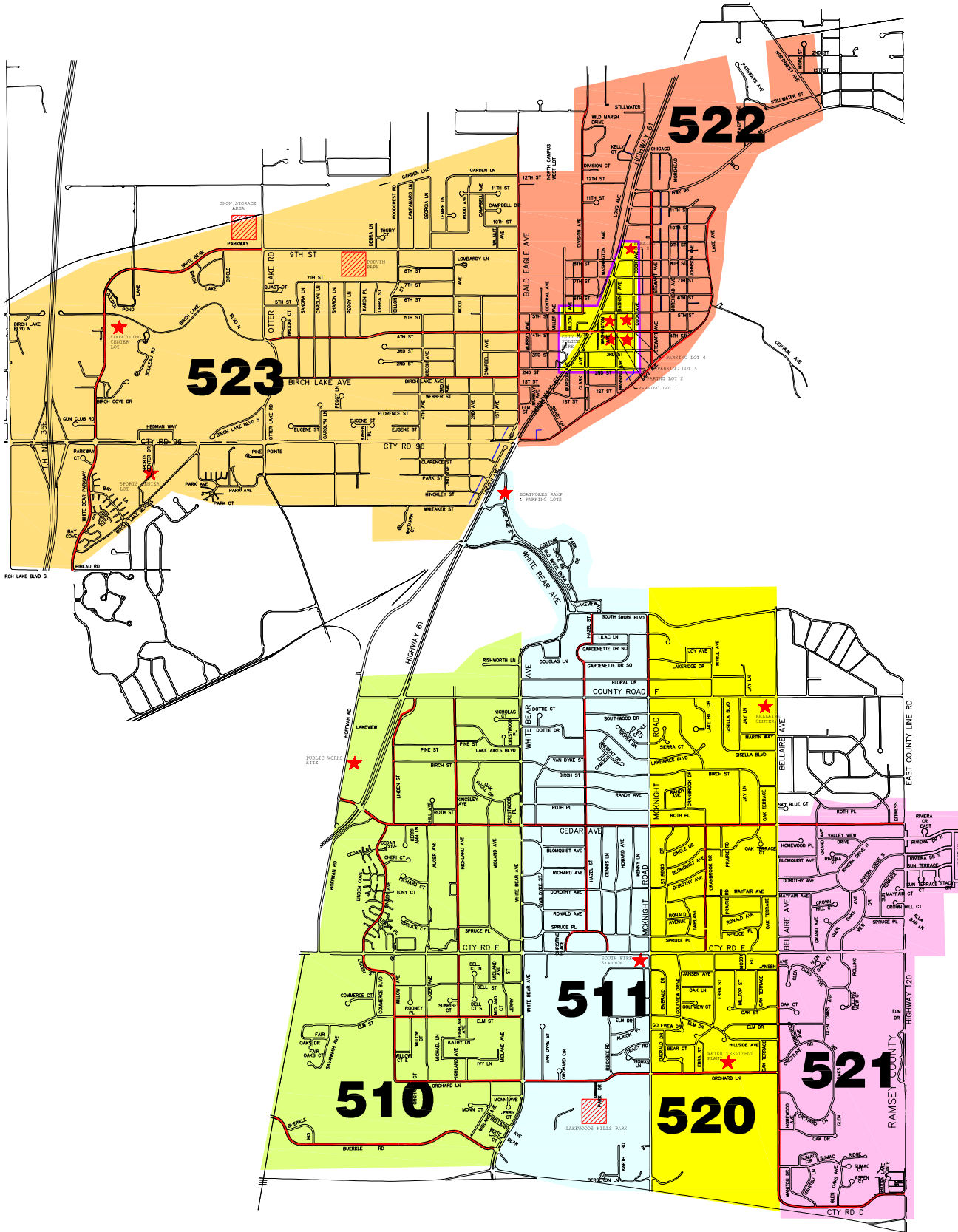
Ayes: Biehn, Engstran, Edberg, Walsh
Nays: Jones
Passed: November 9, 2016


Jo Emerson, Mayor

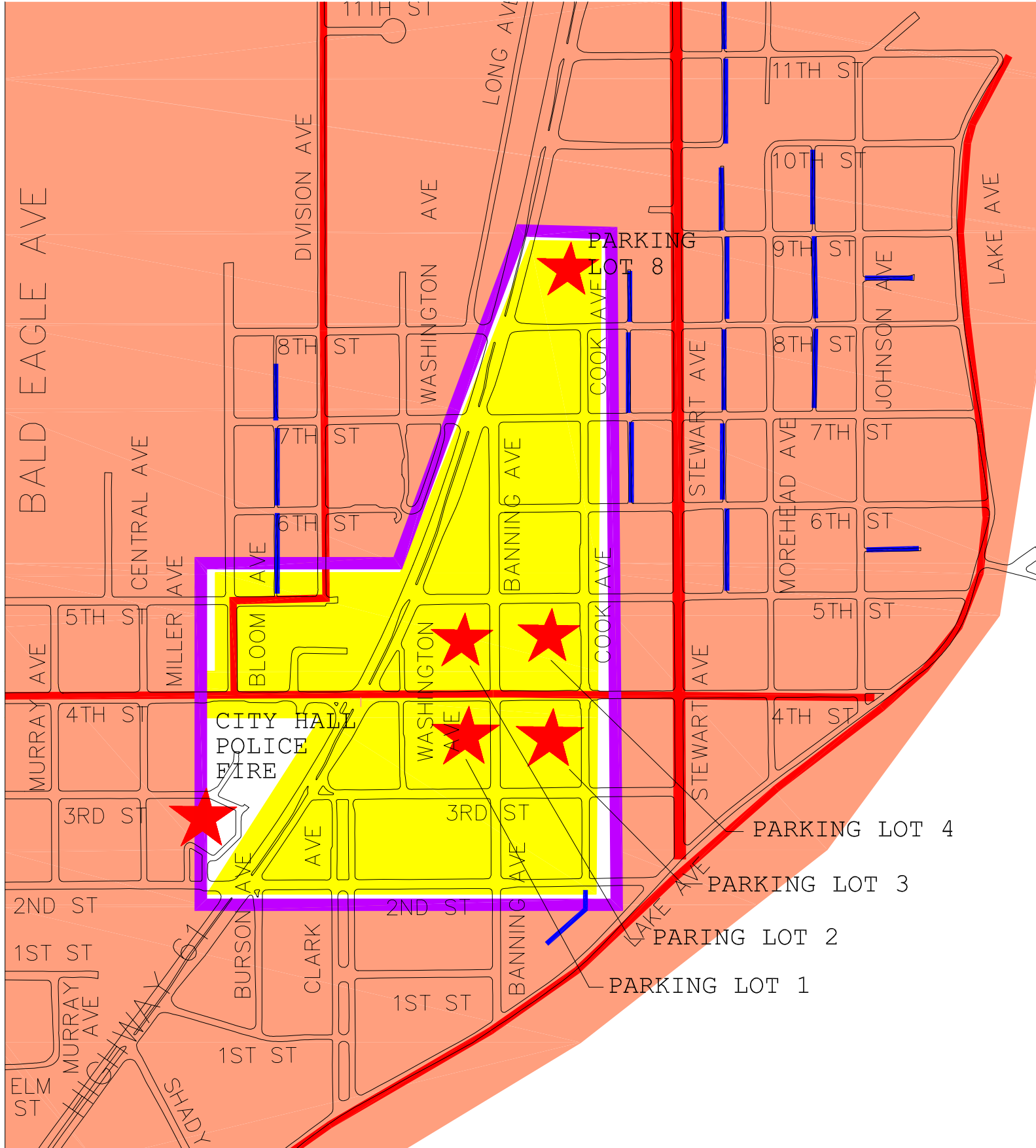
ATTEST:


Kara Coustry, City Clerk

CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE SNOW PLOW ROUTES

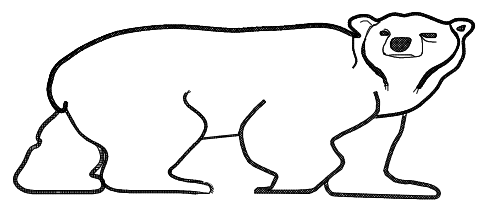


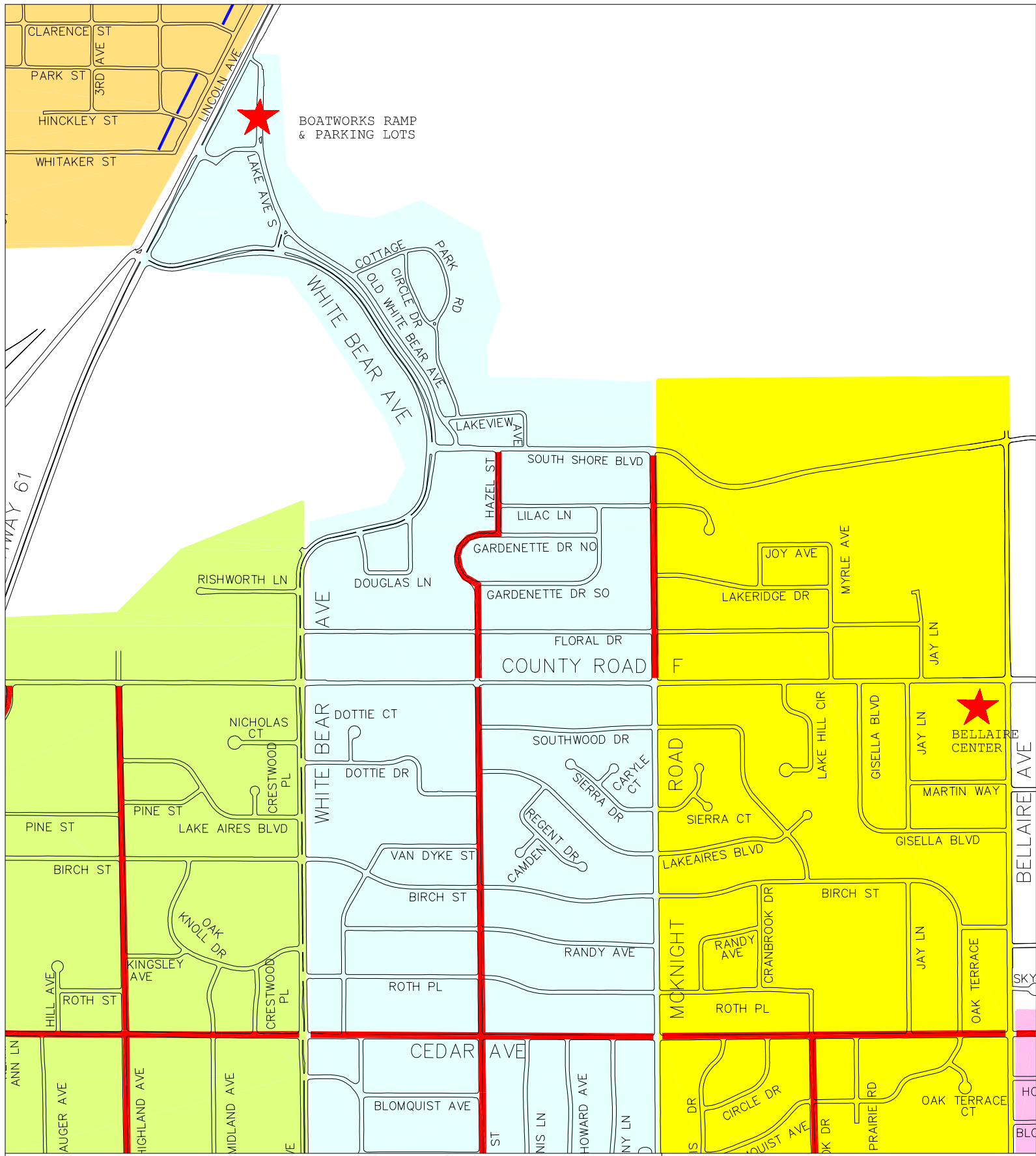
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- SNOW STORAGE AREA
- ARTERIAL STREET
- ALLEYS
- CITY PARKING LOTS



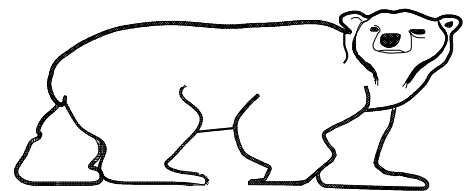
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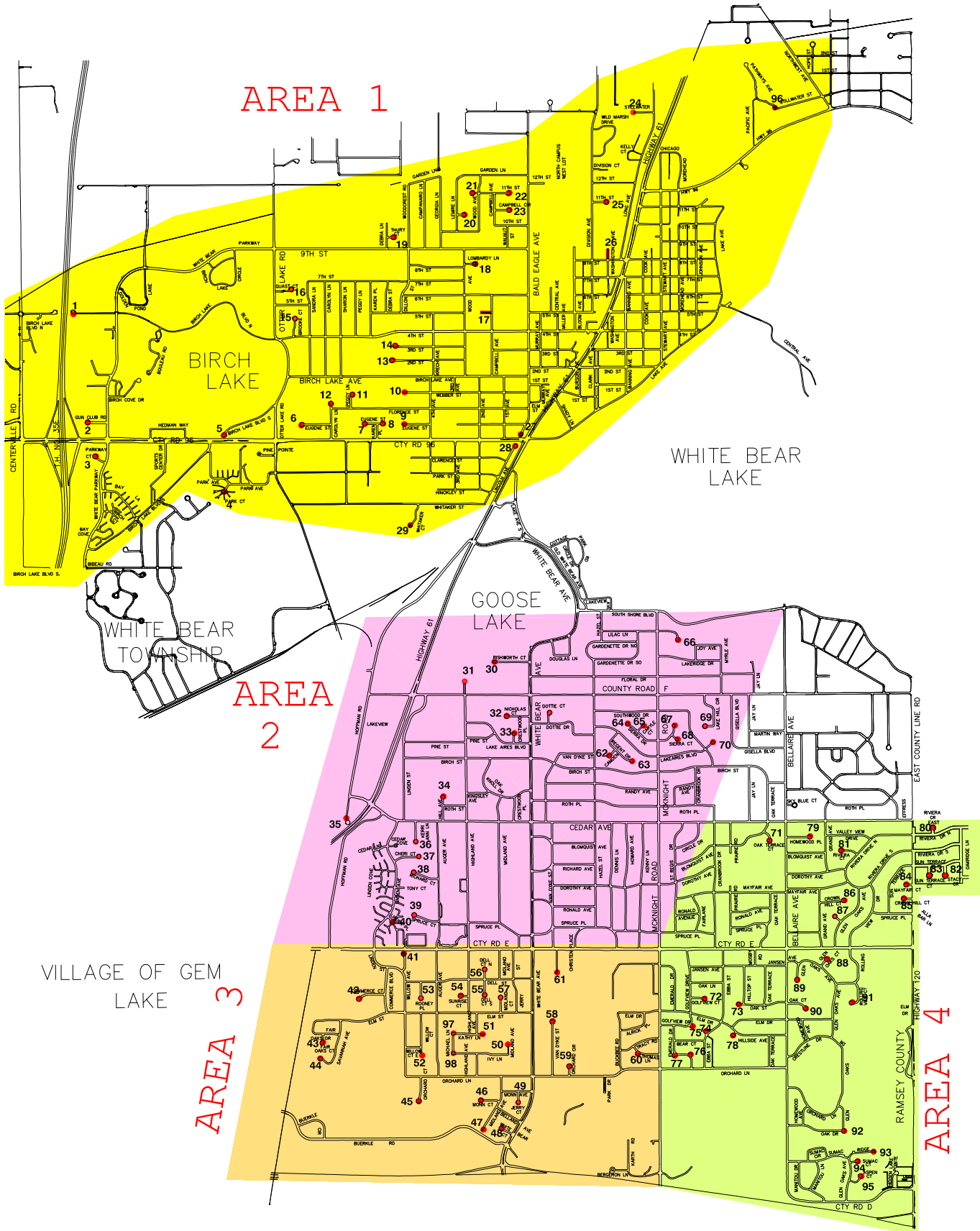


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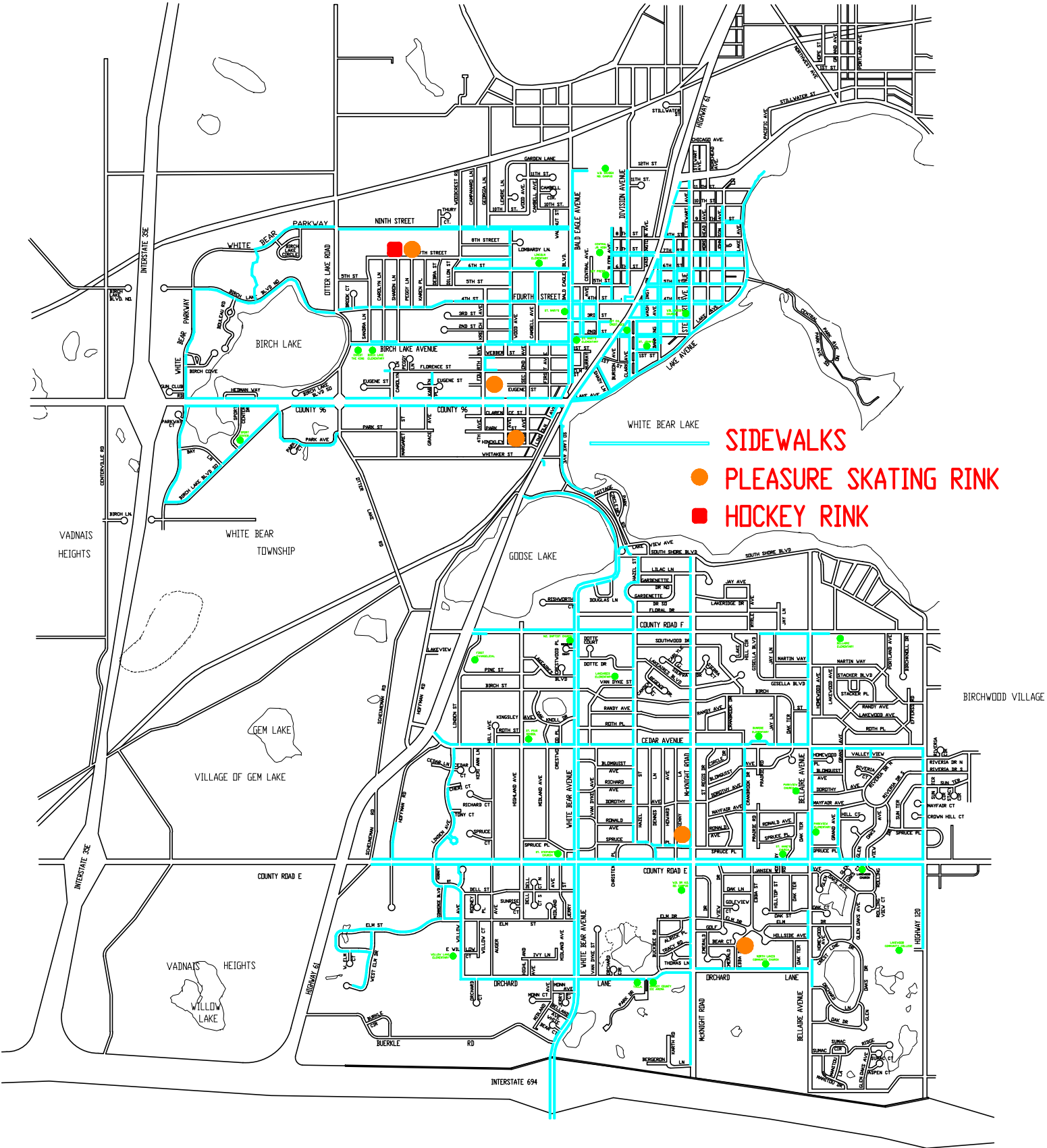


CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE CUL-DE-SAC SNOW PLOW MAP 98 AREAS TO BE PLOWED



CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE SIDEWALK BASE MAP UPDATED: NOVEMBER 2016



**2016 – 2017
WINTER PLOWING**

PLOW DRIVERS/SALTING

CALL #	NAME	TYPE OF EQUIPMENT
510	CHRIS WEDDELL	PLOW TRUCK
521	CHAD JACOBOSKI	PLOW TRUCK
511	MIKE LILLIE	PLOW TRUCK
522	KEVIN SCHNEIDER	PLOW TRUCK
520	MARK MEYER	PLOW TRUCK
523	JOE LEVINE	PLOW TRUCK

DOWNTOWN: SIDEWALKS/SNOW REMOVAL

CALL #	NAME	TYPE OF EQUIPMENT
541	ANDY WIETECKI	SWEEPER/LOADER ALT.
543	ANNE FLEISCHHACKER	SWEEPER ALTERNATE
542	JEREMY HANSEN	SWEEPER ALTERNATE
544	CHARLIE FISCHER	SWEEPER ALTERNATE
540	MIKE NATTERSTAD	LOADER - BLOWER

OUTLYING SIDEWALKS

CALL #	NAME	TYPE OF EQUIPMENT
TBD	WATER PLANT (SOUTH)	MT TRACKLESS
TBD	PARKS (NORTH)	BOBCAT/PICK UP ALTERNATE

PARKING LOTS, TRAILS & ALLEY'S

(CITY HALL, POLICE DEPT., FIRE DEPT., SPORTS CENTER, ALLEY'S)

CALL #	NAME	TYPE OF EQUIPMENT
541	ANDY WIETECKI	4x4 PICK UP
540	MIKE NATTERSTAD	JD TRACTOR/HOLDER ALT.
	TBD	4x4 PICK UP

CUL – DE- SACS

CALL #	NAME	TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	PLOW AREA
541	ANDY WIETECKI	4x4 PICK UP	AREA 1
542	JEREMY HANSEN	JD TRACTOR	AREA 1
533	MIKE MEYER	4x4 PICK UP	AREA 2
513	JACOB CABAK	4x4 PICK UP	AREA 3
533	DYLAN PRAY	4x4 PICK UP	AREA 3
531	WADE HUNT	4x4 PICK UP	AREA 4

SALTING AFTER HOURS CALL OUT LIST
THIS LIST OVER RIDES WHOMEVER IS ON CALL FOR THE WEEK

2016 – 2017
PUBLIC WORKS - OFF DUTY HOURS
(EVENINGS, HOLIDAYS, AND WEEK-ENDS)

CALL WHEN MINIMUM OF 4 DIFFERENT AREAS NEED SALTING

1. MARK MEYER
2. CHAD JACOBOSKI
3. KEVIN SCHNEIDER
4. CHRIS WEDDELL
5. JOE LEVINE
6. MIKE LILLIE

SUPERVISORY LIST

WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE, CONTACT THE SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY

1. MARK MEYER (STREETS)
2. MIKE NATTERSTAD (PARKS)
3. NICK MCVENES (MECHANIC)
4. CHRIS WEDDELL (SEWER)
5. MARTY WIPPLER (WATER)
6. BRUCE BATES (SPORT CENTER)
7. ON CALL PERSON CELLPHONE
8. DAN PAWLENTY(SUPERINTENDENT)
9. MARK BURCH (P.W. DIRECTOR)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SNOW PLOWING IN WHITE BEAR LAKE

When does the city start plowing?

This depends on storm projections. In general, however, plowing of arterial residential streets begins by 2:00 a.m.

How long does it take to complete the plowing?

During average winter conditions, it takes eight to nine hours to complete snow removal operations on City streets and up to two to three days for sidewalks and parking lots.

Which streets are plowed first? Does the city always follow the same order for plowing streets?

Major arterial streets and the downtown streets are the first to receive maintenance. Residential streets and cul-de-sacs are cleared next, followed by the plowing of parking lots, sidewalks and skating rinks. The city strives to conduct operations consistently from storm to storm. This increases both effectiveness and efficiency.

I saw the plow pass by on a neighboring street, but it didn't come down my street. Why not?

It may be that a neighboring street happens to be a major road through the neighborhood or that operators are simply plowing the streets in the most efficient pattern and your street will be plowed soon. Occasionally, however, primary streets with high volumes of traffic will require sanding or plowing that is not needed on residential streets.

Why do you plow so far away from my mailbox?

City crews plow as close to mailboxes as possible without risking damage to the box. Many times high snow banks cause snow to fall back into the street. This snow gets compacted by postal vehicles making it difficult to clear the entire width of the road in subsequent plowing. Residents are encouraged to clear the area in front of their mailbox after every plowing.

Why does the city prohibit on-street parking beginning when 3 inches or more of snow accumulates? Does it really make a difference?

The average time city crews begin plowing operations is 2 a.m., so this is a logical time to require that vehicles be off the streets. Cars parked on the streets present a hazard, because they can be difficult for the plow operator to see during snowstorms, and also are obstructions that prevent clearing the road from curb to curb. If vehicles are off the street, residents will get more effective plowing.

Does the city plow all of the streets in White Bear Lake? If not, who is responsible for the streets the city does not plow?

The city does not plow county roads, freeways, or private roads. Ramsey County is responsible for the county roads and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) plows the interstate and trunk highways. Private roads generally are cleared by contractors under an arrangement with the neighborhood association.

Mailbox Damage and Issues

Is your mailbox designed to stand up to the rigors of the winter snow plowing season? What happens if your mailbox is damaged by plowing activities? The answer depends on how the damage occurred.

If your mailbox is actually struck by a snow plow, the City will repair or replace the mailbox, providing it's a standard design that conforms to U.S. postal specifications for minimum height and setback.

Mailboxes should be installed and maintained to withstand snow coming off the end of the plow. If damage occurs to your mailbox due to snow discharge or snow storage, the City will not be responsible for repairs.

City staff investigates each complaint. If an inspection shows that the mailbox was hit by a plow or other piece of equipment, a temporary mailbox is installed. Then in the spring, repairs are made to conforming installation.

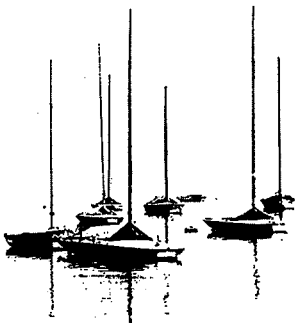
If no signs of impact are evident, the resident is provided information about possible reasons for the problem. These may include inadequate construction or materials, needed maintenance or other sources of damage.

Tips for Homeowners:

In order to avoid problems with your mailbox during the winter season, residents are encouraged to follow these guidelines:

- ❖ Make sure your mailbox conforms to postal and City standards. That means the bottom of the box is 48 inches above the street, and the mailbox is mounted so the door, when closed, does not extend beyond the back of the concrete curb.
- ❖ In general, avoid installation of newspaper boxes, flower planters or other attachments beneath the mailbox. However, if you do install these items, be sure they are set back at least 10 inches from the front of the mailbox. The City will not be responsible for damage to these items from snow discharge.
- ❖ Conduct regular inspections and perform routine maintenance on your mailbox, just as you would for other parts of your property.
- ❖ Clear snow away from the mailbox area after each plowing. Snow that remains in front of mailboxes will get compacted by post office vehicles and make subsequent plowing less effective.

Questions about the mailbox policy or snow removal procedures should be directed to the Public Works Department, (651) 747-3650 or at mhelmerick@whitebearlake.org.



City of White Bear Lake

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November 7, 2016

Dear Downtown White Bear Lake Residents:

The City of White Bear Lake provides snow removal service for the downtown area to ensure that residents, businesses and visitors have safe access to the sidewalks and streets in the downtown area during winter months. In order to provide efficient and timely snow removal service in the downtown area, we need everyone's cooperation. As a downtown resident, you can assist the Public Works Department with its snow removal operations by keeping the streets free of parked cars until the sidewalks and streets have been plowed.

Please assist us with snow removal in the downtown area by parking your vehicle in your driveway or one of the downtown municipal parking lots during the snow season when the winter parking ban is in effect. When a snowfall occurs, snow removal in the downtown area is a priority and usually begins by 2:00 AM so it can be completed by 6:00 AM. To facilitate efficient snow removal in the downtown area, any vehicles parked in this area will be tagged and towed at the owner's expense.

The City of White Bear Lake has established a winter parking ban (City Ordinance 603.060-603.070) that prohibits parking on any City street, alley or municipal parking lot for longer than 24 hours from November 1st through April 1st of each year. The ordinance also restricts on-street parking after the accumulation of three inches (3") or more of snow until the street has been completely plowed from curb to curb.

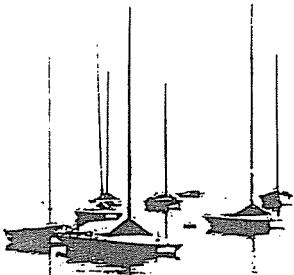
We have established a program that provides parking permits for downtown residents so they can park in the downtown municipal parking lots during a snow event. Once the streets and parking lots have been cleared of snow (we will work around parked cars in the municipal lots), we ask that you relocate your vehicle the next day—either onto a plowed street or to an area of the parking lot that has been cleared. Parking permits for downtown residents can be acquired by contacting the White Bear Lake Police Department.

We appreciate your cooperation with the downtown snow removal operations. If you have any questions regarding downtown parking or snow removal operations, please contact our Public Works office at 651-747-3650.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Burch, P.E.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer



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www.whitebearlake.org

December 2, 2015

Dear Resident:

The Downtown Zone Parking Permits for residents who live in the downtown area and need to park in the City's restricted parking lots are now available for the 2015 Winter Season. Parking permits are available to residents only on a basis of one permit for each vehicle owned by the resident. The number of permits will not exceed the number of persons who have a driver's license for each residence. Your permit application is for the parking lot closest to your home and must indicate which city parking lot you are using. The permit is valid for the calendar year, or until December 31, 2016.

In addition to the regular resident parking permit, short term Visitor Permits are available upon request. These permits are issued to the resident upon written request stating the special need and length of time the Visitor Permit is needed. A Visitor Permit can be issued for a maximum of fourteen (14) days. Residents may also obtain Special Circumstance Permits for medical purposes, home health care or other therapeutic reasons.

Please note that this permit will allow you to park in the lot you designate on your application. The permit is **not** valid on the city streets. In case of winter snow emergency, your car will not be towed from the parking lot. However, it must be moved from the Municipal Parking Lot within 24 hours of initial snow removal to allow for snow removal clean-up. It will be tagged if not moved within 24 hours. Your car will be tagged and possibly towed if it is parked on the city street during a snow emergency regardless of a permit. Check www.whitebearlake.org for further notifications or call Police Dispatch at (651) 429-8511 for timely updates.

Procedure: Parking permits are issued only to residents and their vehicles. Verification is required before issuance:

1. Verification of residency: a driver's license must be viewed or a photocopy submitted with application (optional forms: lease, tax statement, utility bill or bank statement).
2. Verification of vehicle is registered at address: currently vehicle registration form or automobile insurance papers.

For your convenience, I have enclosed an application for a parking permit for the 2015 winter season. **Please photocopy the enclosed form if you have more than one vehicle to register.** You may submit your application in person or mail the application to the White Bear Lake Police Department, Attention Permits, 4701 Highway 61. At that time you will receive your parking permit sticker. For more information, please call (651) 429-8550.

Sincerely,

Julie Swanson
Chief of Police



White Bear Lake Police Department
4701 Highway 61, White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Phone: 651-429-8550 / Fax: 651-429-8501
www.whitebearlake.org

Parking Permit

Municipal Code §603.300 allows residents who live within the restricted parking areas downtown or South Campus may apply for a parking permit.

Application for Parking Permit

Permit Number: _____ Downtown School

Contact Information

First Name: _____ Phone: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Email: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Property Owner

Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____
Make of Car: _____ Model of Car: _____
Vehicle Plate No.: _____ Year: _____

Route Information

Applicant's Driver's License No.: _____
Lot Closest to Home (for Downtown Parking Only): _____

Applicant Signature Date

Police Chief Date

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

The City of White Bear Lake begins its plowing activities whenever snow accumulation or slippery conditions make driving difficult. Depending on conditions, city crews typically start plowing by 2:00 a.m. This is the time when White Bear Lake's winter parking ordinance requires that all vehicles be off public streets, alleys and cul-de-sacs until the streets have been plowed entirely from curb to curb. The following ordinances have been adopted to assist with uniform compliance of these regulations.

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For further information regarding the City of White Bear Lake's Snow Plowing program, visit our website at www.whitebearlake.org.



WHITE BEAR LAKE
MINNESOTA

Snow Plowing Program

*Snow & Ice Control Policies
and Ordinances*

City Employees Serving
the Residents of White Bear Lake





Public Works Department
3950 Hoffman Road
Monday thru Friday
7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
651-747-3650


Public Works Department
Evenings and Weekends
(Non-Emergency Police Dispatch)
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SNOW PLOWING


The White Bear Lake Public Works Department strives to keep all City streets, cul-de-sacs, alleys, parking lots, sidewalks and skating rinks cleared of snow during the winter months. White Bear Lake averages 54” of snowfall each year. City crews plow an average of 10 major snowfall events, in addition to minor cleanups and ice control operations. This brochure provides information on the City’s snow plowing program including personnel, equipment and policies regarding snow removal operations.

 Snow removal operations automatically take effect when there are three (3) or more inches of snow on the ground.

 Plowing of arterial residential streets (main roadway) typically begins by 2:00 a.m. (or earlier depending on snow conditions) to clear streets and the downtown area before rush hour.

 Six street plow routes throughout the City are plowed simultaneously to ensure the same level of service to everyone.

 Snow plow operators are available 24 hours a day to handle icy conditions and emergencies.

 The Public Works Department requests that property owners refrain from placing snow removed from private property onto public right-of-way. City ordinance 903.010 was adopted to address this issue.

903.010 Obstructions and Excavations; Obstruction of Streets & Sidewalks

No person shall obstruct any public street, sidewalk, crosswalk, alley or other public place within the City by piling wood, lumber or other material thereon; placing fences or buildings thereon; leaving any automobile, truck or other vehicle thereon; or *shoveling, pushing or piling snow thereon.* (Ref. 1002.010, Code 1966: Ord. No. 478, 1/13/70).

What’s Plowed in the City of White Bear Lake?

Items Listed Below are in Priority

1	Major Arterial Streets & Downtown Streets	55 lane miles
2	Residential Streets	128 lane miles
3	Cul-de-sacs	98
4	Parking Lots	12
5	Sidewalks	40+ miles
6	Skating Rinks	10

Who Operates the Plows?

The Public Works Maintenance Division cross-trains employees on the snow removal equipment.

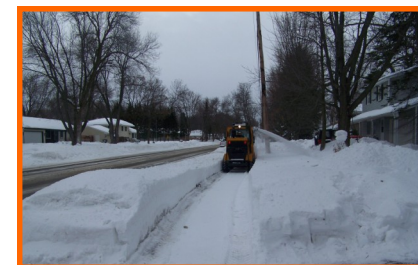
Street Maintenance Personnel	4
Park Maintenance Personnel	5
Utility Maintenance Personnel	7
Other Department Personnel	6
Total Operators	22

What Equipment is Used?

Street Plow Trucks with Spreaders	7
Front-end Loader with Snow Blower	1
Front-end Loader with Snow Bucket	1
Sidewalk Snow Blowers	3
Four-Wheel Drive Pickup Trucks with Plows	5



Snow Plow Trucks



Sidewalk Snow Blower

Ice Control—A Continuous Battle

Public Works trucks work almost every day during a normal winter applying salt or a sand/salt mixture to melt ice and improve traction. Salt is generally used at temperatures above 15°F to promote ice melting. Sand is added to the mixture for traction at very low temperatures.

The application of de-icing products is monitored closely to minimize the environmental impact of these materials and control costs.

Ice Control Materials

INGREDIENT	PURPOSE
Fine Sand	Provides traction on glare ice during very cold weather.
Rock Salt	Promotes melting above 15°F so intersections have ice-free approaches.