

CITY OF JOHNSTON SNOW ORDINANCE

Johnston's snow ordinance is in effect from October through May, anytime snow removal efforts are required. The City notifies the news media when there is a snow event as a reminder to residents. Following are a few other reminders for residents as we prepare for the season. Keep in mind these rules and regulations are intended to enable the city to do a good job in clearing streets for our residents and businesses and to provide a safe environment for pedestrians and vehicles:

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

No one may place, throw, or push snow onto city streets from private property, sidewalks or driveways. There is a \$25.00 fine for the first violation and \$50.00 for each violation thereafter.

Sidewalks

All sidewalks adjacent to private property are the responsibility of the property owner. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 48 hours after a snowfall. If the snow is not removed within 48 hours, the City will post a 24-hour notice on the property. If the snow is not removed within 24 hours of posting, a citation will be issued to the property owner, a \$100 fine will be imposed, and the City has the right to remove the snow and assess the property owner \$65 per hour with a one hour minimum.

Driveways

City snow plows will not clear private driveways except under emergency conditions and with the approval of the Supervisor on Duty. The snow placed in driveways by City plows is the responsibility of the property owner to remove.

Plowing Private Property

The City will not plow or clear snow or ice from private property unless it must be done to allow emergency vehicles access to private property for Fire, Police, or EMS calls

PARKING

Parking of vehicles on public streets during any time when snow/ice removal operations are in progress is a violation. Any person violating the ordinance faces a \$25 fine for the first infraction and \$50 for each 24-hour period thereafter. A third offense will result in towing of the vehicle at the owner's expense.

MAILBOXES

On occasion a mailbox may be damaged during snow removal operations. If you discover damage to your mailbox caused by a city snowplow, contact the Public Works Department at 278-0822. If it is determine that the damage was caused by a city plow, the City will either repair the damage or provide a standard replacement mailbox. If a resident chooses to make the repairs on their own, the City may reimburse the resident up to the cost of a standard replacement mail box.