



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** September 28, 2004  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:**

**Subject:** **Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendment to the Traffic Code to eliminate alternation of odd/even parking restrictions during snow emergencies.**

**Recommendation:** Adopt proposed ordinance language changes for Title 18, Section 478, Art. IX of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Parking, Stopping and Standing, Snow Emergency Regulations to facilitate council direction of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 to eliminate the alternating odd/even parking restrictions, in order to maintain consistency from season to season.

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** Michael D. Kennedy, P.E., Director, Winter Operations

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information:**

At the full Minneapolis City Council Meeting of September 3, 2004, Council Member Colvin Roy introduced the subject matter of ordinance amendment of Title 18, Section 478, Art. IX of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Parking, Stopping and Standing, Snow Emergency Regulations. (also enclosed).

On September 14, 2004 the Transportation and Public Works Committee set the public hearing for the proposed ordinance amendments for the September 28, 2004 Transportation and Public Works Committee.

The subject ordinance change is recommended as a means to simplify the snow emergency parking regulations in order to enhance public compliance with the rules, and improve snow emergency plowing operations.

This recommendation proposes that parking is prohibited on the even numbered side of non-snow emergency routes on day 2 (even numbered day), and parking is prohibited on the odd numbered side on day 3 (odd numbered day). The one-side parking ban, if needed, would then be imposed on the even numbered side of non-snow emergency routes.

Issues to be considered, and impacts of this change include:

- The message to the public will be consistent from year to year.
- There is less chance for error in communicating and understanding the rules by the City and the media.
- Printed media regarding snow emergency parking will not become obsolete every season.
- There will be less effort and expense required to assure quality control in our annual communications preparation.
- When it is necessary to implement the one-side parking ban, Public Works will be able to have a consistent plan to make the necessary changes to parking signage that is required, hastening the process and lowering the cost.
- The one-side parking ban, when implemented, will always be on the same side of the street.
- One side of non-snow emergency routes may have larger windrows of snow (snow banks) requiring more effort to shovel carriage walks.
- One side of non-snow emergency streets will always be plowed first, and one side last.

Enclosed: City Council Action of September 3, 2004.  
Proposed Ordinance Amendment

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