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## PRESS RELEASE

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**Re:** Snow Removal Reminders

Alternate Side Parking may be enforced from Nov 15 thru March 31. When enforced, it is in effect within city limits for all residents and visitors. The ordinance may be viewed on the City's website on City Code tab under 9-10A Stopping, Standing Parking, Article A Alternate Side Parking. Parking tickets are \$15 each. If unpaid after 30 days, the fine increases to \$20 and vehicle registration privileges may be suspended until all unpaid parking tickets are paid. Vehicles in violation of ASP may also be towed immediately.

The City primarily uses the media, its main webpage ([www.masoncity.net](http://www.masoncity.net)) and Code Red to notify residents when ASP is in effect and when it has been suspended. Residents and visitors are encouraged to go to the City's webpage and click the Code Red icon to register for electronic notifications if you have not previously registered or if you have switched phone numbers, addresses, or phone providers to ensure your information is current.

Other snow-Removal Reminders:

9-10A-9 Emergency Snow Route is 1<sup>st</sup> ST NW from Monroe to Pierce Ave. When Emergency Snow Route is in effect, no parking is allowed on either side of 1<sup>st</sup> ST NW in this area.

5-1G-2 Property owners are required to remove snow and ice accumulations from entire width of sidewalks within 48 hrs of accumulation. If unable to remove, owner has to apply cinders or sand appropriately. Violators may be assessed clean up costs by the City. The City will have a pile of sand available at the old water distribution site on N Elm Dr. across from the Water Supply Plant to the east for sanding sidewalks.

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5-1G-4 Unlawful Deposit of Snow and Ice: No one is allowed to temporarily or permanently deposit snow or ice from private property onto publicly traveled areas. Citizens and snow removal companies are not allowed to push, shovel, or blow snow or ice onto or across streets and alleys to opposite side. This causes problems for plows and motorists. Violations may result in a \$500 fine or jail time.

When ASP is in effect, it is in effect. It does not matter time of day; whether a plow has made one pass or 10 on your street; whether it is snowing or not; how much it snowed, etc. If you have off-street parking available, please use it when there is any winter precipitation, regardless if ASP is in effect or not. Less vehicles on the streets will reduce the windrows from plowing and allow the plows to clean the streets faster with fewer obstacles.

Downtown snow removal - Temp no parking signs will be placed in advance for areas not included in no parking 1am - 6am zones. Most snow removal in downtown occurs from midnight to 8am. Please comply with no parking signs and avoid work zones when crews are out removing snow.

Driving tips: Motorists should use caution when driving regardless of the season. During winter precipitation, drive slower, use headlights and turn signals regardless of light or weather conditions, avoid passing plows, and stay back - preferably 100' behind a plow driver so you are not in a blindspot or immediately behind a plow if they need to back up to clean a section of road.

Fire Hydrants: Residents are encouraged not to deposit snow on or near fire hydrants. If possible, residents are encouraged to keep fire hydrant access clear of snow and ice. ♦

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