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### **WINTER WEATHER WARNING** **SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

Due to anticipated weather conditions throughout the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup> through January 20<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Director of Public Works has declared a "Snow Emergency" for the City of Rockford beginning at 9:00 PM Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The Odd/Even parking ordinance will be placed in effect at that time and citizens will be required to follow this protocol or move their vehicles off the street until further notice.

As of 9:00 pm on Friday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2019, vehicles shall be parked on the even address side of the street.

At 8:00 am on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 vehicles shall be parked on the odd address side of the street.

The Snow Emergency will be in effect until the Public Works Department deems it no longer necessary. Updates to the Snow Emergency will be provided throughout the weekend as weather conditions evolve.

**WHAT DOES THE ODD/EVEN PARKING MEAN TO ME?**

In order for our crews to remove snow and ice from city streets, we must have the ability to safely and effectively maneuver a plow up and down our streets. If a snow or ice storm reaches the point that streets are becoming difficult to clear, city officials can declare a Snow Emergency. A Snow Emergency requires that vehicles be parked on the odd side of the street when the date ends in an odd number and on the even side of the street when the date ends on an even number. For example, on January 19<sup>th</sup>, you would park on the odd side of the street. Police will issue parking tickets at the cost of \$50.00 to vehicles that are parked on the wrong side of the street. It's safe to assume that if it's snowing the Odd/Even Parking is in effect.

The residential area between 20<sup>th</sup> St. west to Kishwaukee St., Harrison Avenue north to Rural St. has been problematic for the City Crews to plow during past storms, due to vehicles parked on both sides of the street. We would encourage citizens in this area to move their vehicles either off the street or to the appropriate side of the street as specified by the odd/even parking.

**IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER**

- If your street is marked as “No Parking” on one side of the street, the Snow Emergency Declaration allows you to park legally in the restricted area during the time that the Snow Emergency Declaration is in effect.
- Do not assume that you can move your car when the street is plowed. Your car must remain parked appropriately until after the Snow Emergency has been lifted.
- All vehicles must be moved to the correct side of the street at 8:00 a.m.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Street Department at (779) 348-7260.