

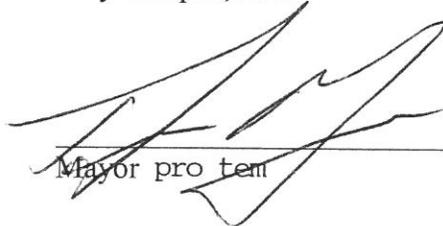
ORDINANCE #215

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE NO. 202
REGARDING SNOWPLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL

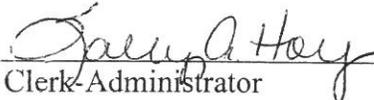
SECTION 3.1 TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS DURING SNOW
REMOVAL IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 3.1 From November 1 through April 1, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle, or any owner to permit a motor vehicle be parked on any street or public way in the City of Braham between the hours of 2 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock a.m.

Adopted by the Braham City Council this 2nd day of April, 2002.



Mayor pro tem

Attest: 

Clerk-Administrator

ORDINANCE NO. 202

SNOWPLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. SNOWPLOWING POLICY:

1.1 The City Council of the City of Braham, State of Minnesota, in the interest of public safety and convenience, and under the authority of Minnesota Statute Chapter 169, hereby ordains that the City of Braham 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. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The City will attempt to 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.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following is the City of Braham Snowplowing policy:

1.2 Commencement of Operations:

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

- A. Snow accumulation of 3 inches or more;
- B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel; and/or
- 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 3 inches.

1.3 Method of Plowing.

The City will attempt to plow the snow in a manner so as to minimize any traffic obstructions. The City will attempt to plow the center of the roadway first. The City shall then attempt to push the snow from left to right. The discharge shall go onto the boulevard area of the street. In times of extreme snowfall, streets will not always immediately be able to be completely cleared of snow.

1.4 Snow Removal.

The Street Superintendent or Chief of Police will determine when snow will be removed by truck from the area. The City will attempt to remove snow in the downtown areas and in areas where accumulated piles of snow create a hazardous condition. Snow removal operations will generally 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 removed snow will be hauled to a snow storage area. The City will attempt to haul the removed snow to a snow storage area with minimal resulting environmental problems.

1.5 Snowplowing Priority.

The City will attempt to plow City streets based on the street function, traffic volume, and importance to the welfare of the community, with the following order of priority:

- A. High volume streets and roads which provide access for emergency fire, police and medical services.
- B. Streets providing access to schools and commercial businesses.
- C. Streets in low volume residential areas.
- D. Alleys and city parking lots.

1.6 Work Schedule for Snowplow Operators.

Snowplow operators will be expected to work 8-hour shifts, if possible. In severe snow emergencies, operators sometimes have to work in excess of 8-hour shifts. However, because of budget and safety concerns, the City will attempt to limit the operators to no more than a 12-hour shift in any 24-hour period. Operators may take a 15-minute break every 2 hours with a half hour meal break after 4 hours. The City will attempt to relieve an operator after a 12-hour shift, if additional qualified personnel are available.

1.7 Weather Conditions.

The City shall attempt to conduct snow and ice control operations 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.

1.8 Use of Sand, Salt and Other Chemicals.

The City will attempt to sand and salt at intersections and curves.

SECTION 2. SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS:

- 2.1 It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of property fronting on any sidewalk within the City of Braham to keep the sidewalk on which their property fronts clear of snow and ice, and to remove all snow within 24 hours after each snowfall. In case of failure to remove snow and ice as above specified, the City may remove the snow and ice, and the costs thereof assessed against the property.
- 2.2 When possible and as a public courtesy, the City will attempt to remove snow from the business area sidewalks, portions of West Central Drive, and portions of 2nd Street Southwest, that have heavy pedestrian traffic. This does not in any way remove the responsibility from the property owner or occupant as provided for in the above SECTION 2, Paragraph 2.1.
- 2.3 It is strictly prohibited for any residential property owner or occupant to put snow onto a City street or onto City property.

SECTION 3. TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS DURING SNOW REMOVAL:

- 3.1 From November 1 through and including April 30, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle, or any owner to permit a motor vehicle be parked on any street or public way in the City of Braham between the hours of 2 o'clock a.m. and 7 o'clock a.m.
- 3.2 Any motor vehicle found violating the privileges of this Ordinance may be immediately removed and impounded by any police officer or person designated by the Council and shall be surrendered only to the duly identified owner thereof and upon payment of the cost of towing and storage. Any damage occasioned to any such vehicles by such towing operations shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator thereof, and no liability for damages shall be imposed against, nor shall any damage be assumed by the City of Braham.
- 3.3 The removal of the violating vehicles does not preclude prosecution for violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. PENALTY:

- 4.1 As to SECTION 2 and SECTION 3 herein above, any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of up to \$200.

SECTION 5. REPEALED ORDINANCES:

5.1 The following Ordinances are hereby repealed:

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| Ord. No. 16 | Removal of Snow from Sidewalks | Dated Jan. 6, 1906 |
| Ord. No. 28 | Removal of Snow, Ice and Rubbish from Sidewalks | Dated Dec. 12, 1921 |
| Ord. No. 84 | Regulating Traffic and Providing for Parking... | Dated Nov. 1, 1976 |
| Ord. No. 145 | Snowplowing Ordinance | Dated Oct. 4, 1993 |
| Ord. No. 161 | Regarding Snowplowing | Dated Dec. 2, 1996 |
| Ord. No. 162 | Regulating Traffic and Providing for Parking... | Dated Dec. 2, 1996 |

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE:

6.1 This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of Braham this 5th day of March 2001.

Mayor



ATTEST:

Jarvis A. Hoy
Clerk/Administrator