

Chapter 10.30

SNOW REMOVAL

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10.30.010 Purpose. Snow removal and sanding are required to allow emergency access to all areas of the City. Roads must be cleared and kept as wide as possible. Secondly, garbage trucks, water and sewer repair vehicles, PUD repair trucks, and school busses must navigate our streets efficiently and safely in order to protect the lives and property of Ephrata citizens.

10.30.020 Policy Reference. The City Council may, from time to time, adopt specific procedures, priorities, and conditions by which the City performs snow removal and sanding.

10.30.030 Prohibited Actions. The following actions are prohibited in the City of Ephrata:

- 1) No person, firm, or corporation shall move, in any manner, snow from any lot, building, structure, driveway, sidewalk, or other private property into the public right-of-way of any highway, street, sidewalk, or alley. Snow sliding from roofs of building or structure upon any street, sidewalk or alley shall be construed to have been moved by the owner or tenant thereof, and the same shall be immediately removed at the expense of the owner or tenant.
- 2) No person firm, or corporation shall interfere, by action or omission, with the operation of City snowplows or sanders. This includes, but is not limited to blocking or obstructing City snowplows from plowing curb-to-curb, parking cars in such a manner so as to block or obstruct access from a street or section of a street, and/or blocking, obstructing or preventing City snowplows from proceeding down a highway, street, or alley.

10.30.040 Penalty. Violation of this Chapter shall constitute a civil infraction and shall be subject to the following penalties as referenced in EMC 1.04; in addition to the actual costs, if applicable, for removing illegally dumped snow:

EMC 10.30.030 (1) Depositing snow into City right of way or public highway: C-19

EMC 10.30.030 (2) Interfering with snowplowing or sanding: C-14

Each day in which any violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

10.30.050 Exception. This Chapter shall not apply to city snow removal, emergency services, or street maintenance operations.
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