

**CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE 26-

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24 OF THE ZONING CODE REGARDING
SNOW EMERGENCIES**

The City Council of the City of West Saint Paul does ordain:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. West St. Paul City Code Section 24 is hereby amended as follows:

Schedule

I. Snow emergency routes

SCHEDULE I. SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES.

(A) *Definition.* **SNOWFALL** means a new accumulation of snow of two and one-half inches or more. The National Weather Service will measure snowfall accumulation.

(B) *Declaration of emergency.* Whenever in the opinion of the City Engineer or the Chief of Police an emergency exists in the city, or in a section or sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, snowdrifts or other natural phenomena that create, or are likely to create, hazardous road conditions impeding, or are likely to impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic, or the safety and welfare of the community, the City Engineer or the Chief of Police may declare an emergency to exist for a period of 48 hours, but the emergency may be sooner terminated if conditions permit. Notice of the emergency shall be provided through official City communications channels including the City's website, City-managed social media platforms, email or SMS notifications to subscribers.

(C) *Snow emergency routes designated.* The following streets are snow emergency routes:

- (1) Annapolis Street;
- (2) Bernard Street;
- (3) Butler Avenue;
- (4) Charlton Street;
- (5) Delaware Avenue;
- (6) Dodd Road;
- (7) Emerson Avenue;
- (8) Marie Avenue;
- (9) Mendota Road;
- (10) Moreland Avenue;
- (11) Oakdale Avenue;
- (12) Stryker Avenue;
- (13) Robert Street South;
- (14) Smith Avenue South;
- (15) Thompson Avenue; and

(16) Wentworth Avenue.

(D) *General rule.* No vehicle may be parked or left unattended after 2:00 a.m. on any street designated as a snow emergency route after any snowfall. Unless further restricted by posted sign, parking may be resumed on streets immediately after they have been plowed of snow.

(E) *Other streets and paved alleys.* No vehicle or trailer may be parked or left unattended between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on any other street or paved alley after any snowfall until the street or paved alley has been plowed of snow. After plowing, parking may be resumed, unless further restricted by posted signs.

(F) *Towing.* Any vehicle or trailer parked in violation of this section may be towed off the street or paved alley by the city at the owner's expense.

(G) *Exception.* If any street is not plowed within 48 hours after the last snowfall or after the emergency has been terminated, it is not a violation of this section to thereafter park a vehicle on the street.

SECTION 2. SUMMARY PUBLICATION. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 412.191, in the case of a lengthy ordinance, a summary may be published. While a copy of the entire ordinance is available without cost at the office of the City Clerk, the following summary is approved by the City Council and shall be published in lieu of publishing the entire ordinance:

This ordinance amends Chapter 74 of the West St. Paul City Code regarding Snow Emergencies. Specifically, this ordinance amends the length of snow emergencies and updates methods of communication when snow emergencies are announced. This ordinance also clarifies that vehicles and trailers are not allowed to be parked on the streets or paved alleys during a snow emergency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul Minnesota this 9th day of March 2026.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor

Nicole Tillander, City Clerk