

TOWN OF PEETZ SNOWPLOWING POLICY

1. Introduction

The Town of Peetz believes that it is in the best interest of the residents for the Town to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on town streets. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The Town will provide such control in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The Town will use town employees, equipment, and/or private contractors to provide this service.

2. When will Town start snow or ice control operations?

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

- A. Snow accumulation of 3 or more inches;
- B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel; and
- 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 4 inches or if weather conditions will allow for rapid melting.

3. How snow will be plowed

Snow will be plowed in a manner so as to minimize any traffic obstructions.

- A. **Main Street** – Snow will be plowed if snow depth is 3 inches or greater. Snow will be plowed to the middle of the street and each intersection will be cleared.
- B. **Side Streets** – Snow will be plowed if snow depth is 6 inches or greater. Snow will be plowed to the side with intersections cleared.

4. Snow removal

The Street Superintendent will determine when snow will be removed from the area. The snow will be removed by loader and hauled to the lot east of the Hot Spot Smokehouse. The snow storage area is located so as to minimize environmental problems.

5. **Priorities and schedule for which streets will be plowed**

The Town has classified town streets based on the street function, traffic volume, and importance to the welfare of the community. Those streets classified as “Snow Plow Routes” will be plowed first. These are high volume routes which connect major sections of the town and provide access for emergency fire, police, and medical services.

Snow Plow Routes:

- A. Main Street to Coleman Avenue and Dunken Street in front of the Fire Department.
- B. North Street and Shaw Street and across Highway 113
- C. North/South streets and East/West Streets
- D. Alleys
- E. No dead-end streets will be plowed

The second priority streets are those streets providing access to schools and commercial businesses. The third priority streets are low volume residential streets. The fourth priority areas are alleys and city parking lots.

6. **Street Obstructions**

All vehicles parked on public streets at the time of snow removal will be subject to being blocked in by snow removal operations. Any obstructing vehicle that impedes traffic may be towed at the owner’s expense. The Town shall not be held liable for any damage caused by snow removal operations or towing.

7. **Work schedule for snowplow operators**

Snowplow operators will be expected to work 8-hour shifts. In severe snow emergencies, operators sometimes have to work in excess of 12-hour shifts. However, because of budget and safety concerns, now operator shall work more than a 12-hour shift in any twenty-four hour period. Operators will take a fifteen-minute break every two hours with a half-hour meal break after four hours. After a twelve-hour day, the operators will be replaced if additional qualified personnel are available.

8. **Weather conditions**

Snow and ice control operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of town employees and equipment. Factors that may delay snow and ice control operations include severe cold, significant winds, and limited visibility.

9. **Use of sand, salt, and other chemicals**

The Town does not use sand, salt, and other chemicals when there are hazardous ice or slippery conditions. The Town is concerned about the effect of such chemicals on the environment and does not use them for that reason.

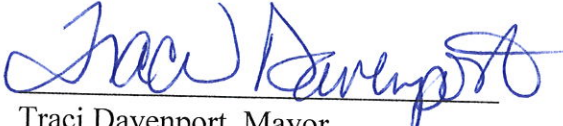
10. **Sidewalks**

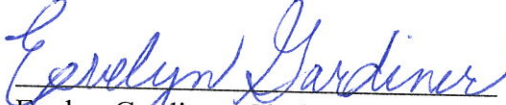
The Town will maintain sidewalks adjacent to Town property. The list of those sidewalks is attached. As there is a limited number of personnel available, the Town will only maintain these sidewalks after the streets have been plowed. Ice melt will be used only at the Town Hall.

Sidewalk List:

1. Town Hall
2. Town Shop
3. Horseshoe Pit
4. Town Park base to base

This policy adopted by the Board of the **Town of Peetz** on December 16, 2019.


Traci Davenport, Mayor


Evelyn Gardiner, Clerk