

RESOLUTION NO. 95-1-4

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SNOW AND ICE CONTROL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to establish the policy and level of service in respect to clearance of snow, ice, or frost from the highways, streets, and other public roadways, within the City of Oskaloosa during the winter months as provided in Chapter 668, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, each storm has individual characteristics and must be dealt with accordingly.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Oskaloosa, Iowa:

1. The entire width of that portion of the road improved for travel, may not be cleared of snow, ice, or compacted snow and ice. Snow cleared from that part of the roadway improved for travel, will generally be placed on the shoulder or in the ditch or right-of-way. Snow can be expected to accumulate adjacent to the traveled portion to the extent that a motorist's sight distance to both the left and right may be greatly reduced or impaired.
2. The snow removed from intersections may be piled in the intersection corners in piles of unequal height. The line of sight, sight distance, or visibility of motorists approaching these intersections, may be greatly reduced or impaired. The City will not be responsible for snow pushed or otherwise placed on the roadway, or right-of-way by others.
3. When these foregoing conditions do occur, no additional warning or regulatory signs will be placed warning of impaired sight distance, advising of limited visibility at intersections, road blockages, one-lane conditions, slick or slippery road surface conditions, or that the advised speed should be reduced.
4. In the implementation of snow and ice control on the City's roadways during the winter months, the Street Department Supervisor will select the actual sequence of roads to be cleared, as provided in this section and shall determine when drifting, wind velocity, and additional snow or snow storms require that the snow removal equipment be removed from the roadway, or that additional clearance of higher priority routes be accomplished prior to the clearance of lower priority roadways.
5. The police patrol will notify the Street Department Supervisor when snow accumulations or compacted snow and ice conditions are noted during patrol operations. Upon notification of such conditions, the Street Supervisor will immediately investigate and make a decision as to what control measures will be taken.

6. During normal working hours, or any time the Street Supervisor notes a snow buildup or the existence of slick conditions due to snow and ice buildup, action may be initiated without notification from the Police Department.
 - A. The usual sequence of spreading chemicals and abrasives for snow and ice control are:
 1. Hospital routes.
 2. Designated school crossings and streets adjacent to the schools when schools will be in session.
 3. The intersections on highways, arterial streets, and collector streets which are controlled.
 4. All other stop sign and controlled intersections.
 - B. The usual sequence of snow plowing will be:
 1. Emergency snow routes as shown on the map attached hereto and a part of this resolution.
 2. All other municipal streets.
 3. Municipal parking lots.
 4. Alleys.
 - C. Private drives - The city will not clear snow from private drives. Normal snow removal operations may result in snow being deposited in private driveways.
7. Vehicles obstructing snow removal or parked in violation of existing parking regulations may be removed at the owner's expense.
8. The policy and level of service provided for in this resolution, shall not include:
 - A. Sanding, salting, or placing of other abrasives or chemicals upon the roadways that are slick, slippery, and dangerous due to the formation of frost.
 - B. Sanding, salting, or placing of other abrasives or chemicals upon paved roadways due to freezing rain that occurs outside of the Street Department's usual working hours.
 - C. Placing of additional warning or regulatory signs warning of impaired sight

distances, visibility at intersections, road blockages, one-lane conditions, or that the road surface is slick or slippery or what the advised speed should be.

9. If an emergency condition is declared by the City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, or their designated representatives, the sequence of service may be suspended and action taken to respond to the declared emergency.
10. The provisions of this policy shall be further suspended in the event that the Governor, by proclamation, implements the State Disaster Plan, or the Mayor, by proclamation, implements the City Disaster Plan. If such occurs, the City personnel and equipment shall be immediately subjected to the direction of the Governor or the Mayor of the City of Oskaloosa.
11. This resolution shall be in effect after its passage and approval by the City Council. This policy and level of service statement supersedes any and all previously written or unwritten snow and ice control policy and practices, except those that may be contained in ordinance and resolution form and which must be repealed by the adoption of an ordinance or resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 1995.

Norman? Zimmerman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Miller
City Clerk