

# Winter is coming! Be prepared!



## Helpful information regarding parking and snow removal.

ORDINANCE 2019-02 amending parking regulations regarding snow, was passed in April 2019.

For most snowfalls, when NO Snow Emergency is declared: there is no parking on any city street between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. if snow has accumulated on any portion of the paved roadway. Ticket violations are \$20.00.

For significant snowfalls, which is anticipated to mean six inches or more, a Snow Emergency will be declared. This can be declared any time it is deemed necessary to facilitate the maintenance of public streets and/or preserving public health, safety, and welfare based upon actual or predicted snow, sleet, freezing rain, or ice.

**During a snow emergency no vehicle shall be parked on any City street for the duration of the snow emergency.**

During the effective period of a declared snow emergency, the identified portions of the following streets shall be shut down and made inaccessible for vehicle parking until cleared:

Main Street (all portions within Business District)  
Mulberry Street (all portions within Business District)  
Bridge Street (all portions within Business District)  
Cedar Street (all portions within Business District)  
Spruce Street (all portions within Business District)  
First Street (between Bridge Street and Cedar Street NW).

Public notice of the declaration of a snow emergency will be made on KWWL TV, KCRG TV, City managed social media platforms (such as the City of Elkader Facebook page and the Elkader Police Department Facebook page) and KCTN-FM/KADR-AM. However, failure of a person to receive such notice shall not constitute a defense to any prosecution for violation of the rules.

Residents can also sign up for notices to be sent to their phone. Send ELKADERSNOW to 91896.

A snow emergency shall commence immediately upon its declaration and shall last for twenty-four (24) hours from the effective start time, unless indicated otherwise. Tickets will not be issued for parking infractions until two hours after the start of the declaration.

During a snow emergency, members of the Elkader Police Department are authorized to tow and impound any vehicle parked on a City street in violation of this Section. Ticket violations are \$30.00 in addition to towing fees.

City parking lots are available: by the Opera House, across from Peace Church, next to Fire Farm, and below the Freedom Bank parking lot (the gravel lots).

Thank you for your cooperation. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns. Contact the City Administrator, Jennifer Cowsert, at (563) 245-2098 or the Police Chief, Mitch Seitz, at (563) 245-3110.