



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator  
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**CC:** Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** FY17 Winter Season Parking Restrictions

**DATE:** October 25, 2016

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### Background and Purpose

The unusually harsh winter conditions experienced during the winter of FY14 resulted in an elevated number of customer concerns and operational challenges for the City. A committee was formed to discuss those challenges, identify potential solutions and make recommendations. The primary issues identified were sidewalk clearing and snow plowing for solid waste and emergency vehicle access and clearing parking lanes. In FY16, a revision of the sidewalk ordinance occurred. A pilot program to improve snow plowing efficiency and service delivery is now planned for the FY17 winter.

The most significant issue the City faces during the winter months is the ability to clear streets. In particular, narrow streets with on-street parking continues to be a challenge. Snow in the parking lane reduces drivable lane width, creating a safety concern for motorists and pedestrians entering and exiting vehicles. If these streets were free of parked cars during the overnight hours, snow could be removed, creating full access to parking lanes, reducing pedestrian safety risk and minimizing disruption to solid waste collection. This restriction will also allow plows to clear snow during the least intrusive time of day and eliminates the need for continued resources for voluntary tagging and repeated trips to plow the street. In short, parking restrictions would mean streets are plowed more quickly and thoroughly.

The City has attempted to restrict parking on a voluntary basis and to educate residents

on the issue, but these efforts have not resulted in a behavior change. As such, it is recommended that the City implement parking restrictions on a small number of targeted streets where emergency access is most challenged during the winter.

The City used the following criteria and analyzed snow plow routes and street maps to identify locations where restrictions would result in the greatest benefit to motorists, vehicle owners and service providers:

1. Emergency Vehicle Access. Can emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulance easily get down the street if snow is obstructing the parking lane?
2. Proximity to a school drop off zone. Is snow in parking lanes or between parking lane and traffic lanes causing a safety concern for children?
3. Solid Waste Vehicle Access. Are parked cars or mounds of snow obstructing cart access, or causing carts to be placed in moving traffic lanes or driveways?
4. Proximity to streets with available parking. Can displaced vehicles find another spot to park overnight?
5. Amount of use of parking lanes during daytime hours. Vehicles using parking lanes during daytime hours should be able to park and access their vehicles without traversing over mounds of snow in the road.
6. Overnight parked car volume. Car counts on each street were performed on January 25, 2016 and again on February 3, 2016. Car counts on streets were also performed in 2015 as part of night snow removal activities. Counts from 2016 are attached.

Using these criteria, the City has developed a pilot seasonal parking restriction program for the 2016-2017 winter season. Streets in the pilot will be designated as “no parking” or “odd/even parking” during the overnight hours. Parking designated as “odd/even parking” would be permitted only on the even house numbered side of the street on even days, and on the odd side of the street on odd days. These parking restrictions would be in effect 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. from December 1 – March 15. Note that none of the impacted streets have residential parking permit programs that will be affected by these overnight restrictions. A list of streets and their designation are as follows:

From December 1 – March 15, parking during the overnight hours will be restricted as follows:

No parking 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.: Orchard Hills Ct, Orchard Hills Drive, Harvard Place and Ridgeway (Ward 2); Village Oaks Court (Ward 4); and Haisley and Garden Circle (Ward 5)

Odd/even parking restrictions 10 p.m. -6 a.m.: Madison Place and Winewood (Ward 5); West Kingsley (Ward 1).

In the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, three additional streets were identified to need modification on a permanent basis rather than a seasonal basis. The City will modify parking on Dewey, Greenwood and Vaughn Streets from its current one-side permitted parking to alternate odd/even parking.

A map of these streets and their designations is attached for your reference.

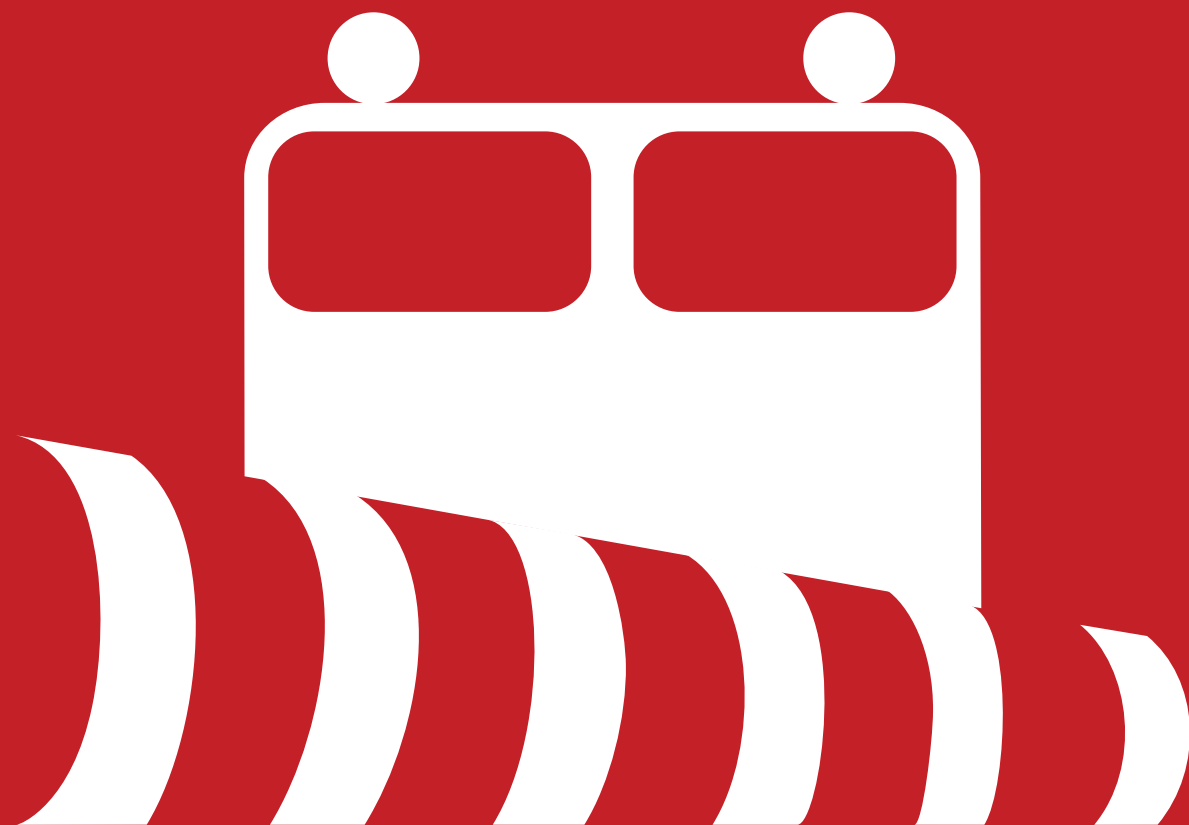
The City also has the ability to issue a snow emergency, which would impact streets throughout town during the overnight hours. The City has not issued a snow emergency for many years, but in the event that one was issued, free parking would be made available at the DDA parking structures during effective hours.

A review of similarly sized university towns in northern climates indicates Ann Arbor is currently the only city without parking restrictions. If this trial period is found to improve service delivery and emergency vehicle access, staff will propose expansion of program in future years to include additional streets that have identified challenges in service delivery and access. The success of the program depends on education, support, cooperation and enforcement when necessary. During the pilot the City will perform aggressive communications and outreach efforts.

#### Timeline for Implementation and Communication

- On or before November 1, 2016: notice sent via letter to adjacent properties.
- On or before November 1, 2016: Outreach and notification begin via GovDelivery, City website and Facebook page.
- On or before November 30, 2016: signs installed at appropriate intervals on impacted streets.
- On or before November 15, 2016: notice placed on parked vehicles on impacted streets.
- On or before November 30, 2016: a second notice placed on parked vehicles.
- December 1, 2016: overnight restrictions begin.
- Cars parked in restricted areas will be subject to ticket and towing.
- Proactive enforcement will take place before, during and after the first forecasted large snow (>4") snow event

Location	Current Parking	Parking Restriction Proposed	From	To	Vehicle count Jan 25, 2016	Vehicle count February 3, 2016
Dewey Ave	OS even	Odd-Even	State	Packard	27r	30r
Garden Cir	BS	No Parking	Thaler	end	1l, 2r	5r, 1l
Greenwood Ave	OS odd	Odd-Even	E. Univ	Packard	21r	21r
Haisley Dr	BS	No Parking	N Maple	Dead End	3l, 2r	4r, 2l
Harvard Pl	OS	No Parking	Geddes Ave	Dead End	6r	5r
Madison Place	BS	No Parking	W. Madison	Dead End	5l, 4r	3r, 1l
Orchard Hills Ct	BS	No Parking	Orchard Hills Dr	end	1l, 2r	2r
Orchard Hills Dr	BS	No Parking	Geddes Ave	Orchard Hills Ct	0	0
Ridgeway St	OS	No Parking	Geddes Ave	end	3r	2r
Vaughn St	OS even	Odd-Even 24/7	Packard	E. Univ	21r	19r
Village Oaks Ct	BS	No Parking	A2 Saline	Dead End	6l, 3r	3r, 4l
W Kingsley St	BS	Odd-Even	N. Ashley	N First	3l, 4r	1r, 2l
Winewood Ave	BS	Odd-Even	Carolina	end	4l, 8r	6r, 4l
OS = one side						
BS = both sides						



**NIGHT MAINTENANCE**

**NO PARKING**

**DEC 1-MAR 15**




**10PM-6AM**

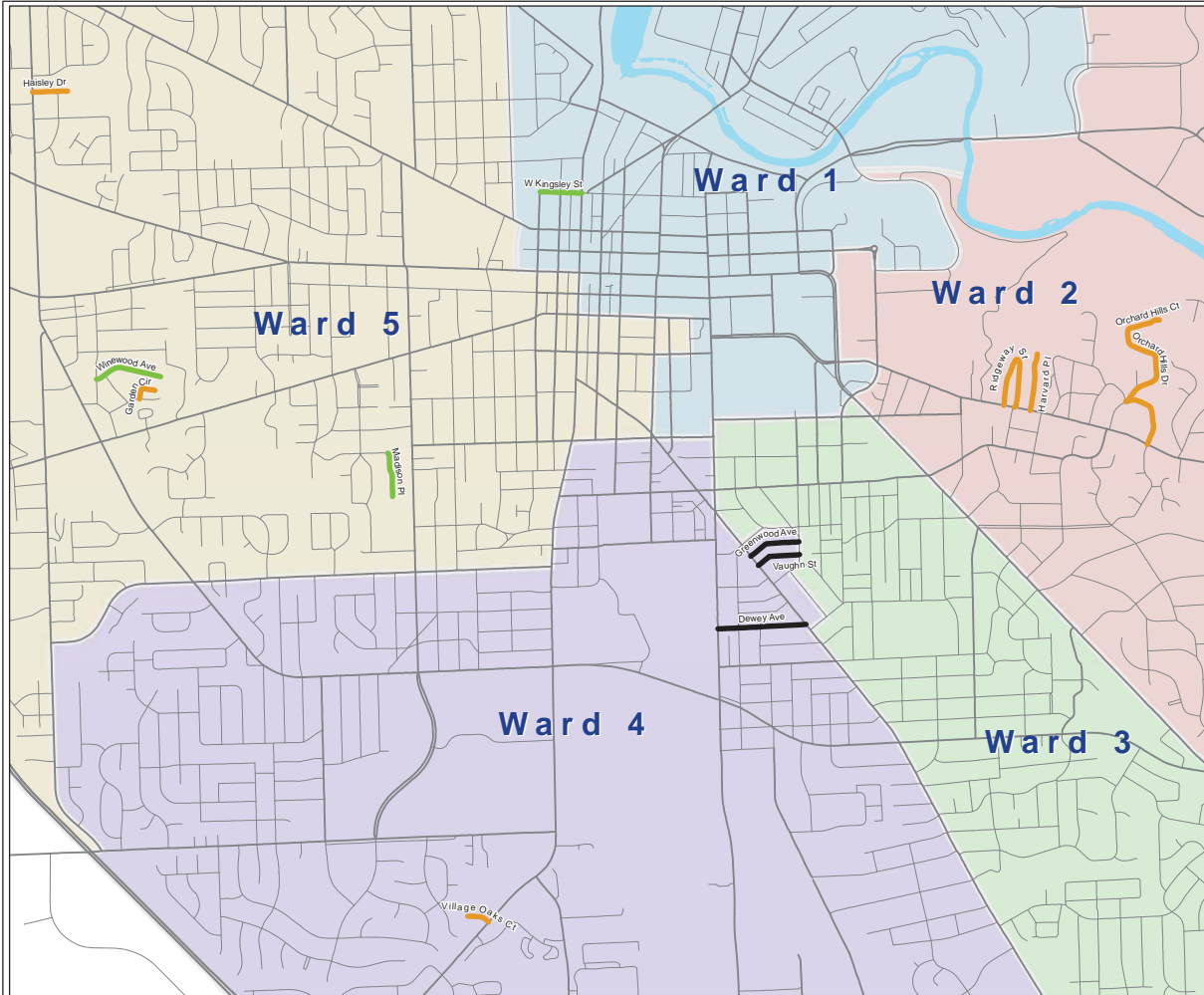
**EVEN DAYS ONLY**

**TOW AWAY ZONE**



# Parking Restrictions

-  Seasonal No Parking 10pm - 6am
-  Seasonal Odd/Even Parking Restrictions
-  Year Round Odd/Even Parking Restrictions



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