

## **Snow Control Policy, Parking Ordinance and Right of Way Ordinance Excerpts.**

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### **Snow and Ice Control Policy Excerpts**

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In developing this policy for how to best undertake snow and ice control activities in the Town, the Board has to balance a number of factors including, but not limited to public safety, the cost effective allocation of resources, maintaining an efficient transportation system, facilitating the delivery of emergency services, protecting the environment and minimizing damage to real and personal property.

The Contractor(s) hired by the Town to plow the town roads shall have the authority to determine, in said Contractor's sole discretion, the order in which the town roads will be plowed, and will determine such order and priority in such a manner as to provide for the most efficient and effective snowplowing as possible, in order to preserve the Town's limited resources. This priority order of plowing may vary from time to time, as determined to be appropriate by the Contractor.

Neither the Town nor the Contractor shall be responsible for damage to any personal property that is left in the right-of-way during snow removal operations. Nor shall the Town or the Contractor be responsible for damage resulting from snow removal operations to any lawn, landscaping, sod, plantings, buildings or other real property improvements that are located in the right-of-way. While reasonable efforts will be made to avoid damaging private property, snow and ice control operations may result in damage to the property of others.

If a property owner's mailbox is damaged as a result of snowplowing equipment, such damages will only be considered for compensation if the mailbox was physically struck by the snowplowing equipment, and if the mailbox was properly installed and was of a type in conformity with the standards specified by Becker Township.

Complaints and requests for further services regarding snow and ice control should be directed to the Town Clerk. If the Contractor is aware of complaints or requests for additional services, it shall forward such complaints or requests to the Town Clerk for Town Board for consideration.

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### **Parking Ordinance Excerpts**

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**Township Right-of Way (ROW)** -The term "Township ROW" as used in this ordinance is defined to mean the following:

- The entire ROW of a town road including, the traveled portions, banks, ditches, shoulders, and medians,
- The ROW as defined under Minn. Stat. 237.162. Minn. Stat. § 237.162 defines the public ROW as the area on, below, or above a public roadway, highway, street, cartway, bicycle lane ... including other dedicated ROW for travel purposes and utility easements of local government units, and
- Any area in which the Township has an interest, including all platted or dedicated ROW, and drainage easements.

## **G) Winter Parking**

1. Winter parking shall be in effect from November 1 of the current year through April 15 of the following year. During that time no vehicle shall be parked on the Township ROW.
2. No vehicle shall be parked on the Township ROW after a snowfall of two (2) inches or more for dates outside the winter parking period. The vehicles may be returned to the Township ROW after the Township ROW has been plowed and/or cleared of snow.

## **Vehicle Idling**

No vehicle shall be parked with the motor running or the refrigeration unit motor running during the hours from 11 PM - 6 AM on the Township ROW or on a private driveway which is platted and is less than 10 acres in size.

The Sherburne County Sheriffs Office and/or other authorized representatives of the Township are authorized to have any vehicle removed that is in violation of this ordinance. The owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for all costs associated with having the vehicle removed and stored.

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## **Right of Way Ordinance Excerpts**

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**Subd. 2. Prohibited Installations and Activities.** It shall be unlawful, without written consent of the Town Board, for any person to place within any Township easement or right of way, any construction improvements, buildings, structures, headwalls, rocks or boulders greater than six inches in diameter (MnDOT 3601 Class I Riprap is acceptable), soils, landscaping items, or engage in any activity prohibited by Minnesota Statute §160.2715, or any other installation which may interfere with proper sight distance, vehicular safety, stormwater drainage, road maintenance operations, weed and brush control or in any manner endanger or impede the public use and proper maintenance of the easement or right of way.

**Subd. 3. Prohibited Activities in the Right of Way and Public Property.** It is unlawful for any person, except (1) a Town employee acting within the course and scope of his or her employment, (2) a contractor acting within the course and scope of a contract with the Town, or (3) a franchisee acting within the course and scope of its franchise from the Town, to make any excavation, opening or tunnel in, **over, across** or under a street or other public property, including all Town right of way, without first having obtained a permit from the Township Engineer as herein provided. Provided, however, that a franchisee shall give the Town twentyfour (24) hours' notice prior to commencing any such work on streets or other public property.

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Highlighted is the segment that prohibits pushing snow across the road. When snow is pushed across the road, ice ridges can form. These ice ridges can cause a dangerous situation – damaging plow blades and decreasing the effectiveness of snow clearing activities. It is illegal to plow snow across your road.

Mailboxes: it is the homeowner's responsibility to clear in front of and around their mailbox. Becker Township's standard mailbox is the Swing-away mailbox. They are available at many locations, including Township Hall.