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TO: Board of Public Works

FROM: Michael Lewis, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: September 13, 2013

**RE: Communication from the Director of Public Works/City Engineer regarding changing the policy of street parking during a snow emergency.**

It seems a little strange to be thinking about winter when it was 90 degrees just a couple of days ago, but my staff and I met to discuss a number of snow plowing issues.

We were, at times, late on calling a snow emergency and therefore, the word didn't get out. It's one of those issues where you are damned if you do and damned if you don't. It seems regardless of when we call it, we get calls from people complaining about their street parking. Therefore, we are proposing a change in policy/ordinance.

The policy/ordinance of vehicles remaining parked on the same side of the street for the entire duration in which the snow emergency is in effect will be dropped. Vehicles on local streets will alternate side park in the winter just as they do in the summer. That alone should eliminate a lot of confusion. No parking on main streets will remain.

We will error on the side of calling snow emergencies faster. If the weather changes on us and we didn't need to do it, it's just one of those things. But, any mistakes will only affect major streets anyway.

We will also be asking the Police to ticket and tow vehicles on local streets more. The priority was more towards the major streets. But, one car parked on Lincoln Avenue doesn't affect our plowing operations as much as a number of cars parked on a narrow local street where we can't get through.