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Commercial Property Snow Removal Policy and Service

Over the past two winters snowfall has returned to average levels. As a result, concerns have surfaced regarding snow clearing and snow removal of commercial and rental properties in the Village. The purpose of this document is to remind property owners of snow removal requirements and to introduce a new service available through the Village to assist with snow removal from commercial /rental properties within the Village of Marathon City.

The Village of Marathon City is responsible for snow removal from 17.52 miles of Village Streets and alleys, 7 public parking lots, 9 public facilities and 1 mile of sidewalk bordering Village property. As part of these operations the Village creates temporary stockpiles of snow in various locations throughout the Village. Based on snowfall and size of the temporary stockpiles, the Village hauls snow from the multiple temporary stockpiles and several streets in the Village to the snow storage area north of the Rib River. These efforts typically take 6 to 8 hours and cost \$2,000 to \$2,900 per event. These activities are part of the Village annual budget.

Commercial and rental property owners are responsible for snow management and removal from their properties. Parking lots, driveways and sidewalks are to be cleared as required by Village ordinance. Plowing, blowing or shoveling snow into public streets, alleys or public parking areas is prohibited by Village ordinance. Stockpiling of snow by property owners on their property is allowed if space is available. If stockpiling of snow is not a possibility for the property, the property owner must contract with a provider to remove the snow. Removal of snow for the purposes of this policy means the collection and transportation of snow from a commercial property to another location (i.e. snow storage facility).

Property owners utilizing private contractors should confirm that snow removal is part of the services delivered by the contractors. If the private contractor does not have the capability to complete snow removal, the contractor and property owner may enter a snow removal contract with Village. These snow removal services would be provided at a cost to the property owner of \$2.02 per cubic yard of snow removed by the Village.

Total cubic yards will be calculated based on the square footage of commercial property cleared and the total inches of snow per snowfall divided by 27 (area x inches of snow/27). For example, a 1000 sqft area with 4 inches of snow and a 25% compression factor results in 3.09 cubic yards of snow to be removed. The price for village snow removal services would be \$6.24. This cost is in addition to the costs incurred by the commercial or rental property owner for private contractor snow clearing. The official measurement of snow depth will be completed by the Department of Public Work staff.

Commercial or rental properties seeking to utilize this service must contact the Village and complete a registration form in advance of using the services. Once the form is approved by the Village, authorized private contractors or commercial properties may utilize the designated stockpile locations for snow removal. It is the responsibility of the private contractor to get the snow to the designated stockpile locations. Property owners utilizing Village snow removal services will be billed directly by the Village for snow removal services on a monthly basis.