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Village Snow Operations

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of snow operations in the Village of Marathon City and to address questions raised as the winter season starts.

There are two full-time DPW staff focused on streets, one utility focused DPW staff member who is partially available and a seasonal DPW staff member for snow operations. The Village of Marathon City Department of Public Works has two categories of snow operations; Primary and Secondary. Primary snow operations focus efforts on plowing the 17.52 miles of streets /alley (covered twice), the 7 public parking lots, nearly 1 mile of sidewalk and 9 public facilities during each snow event. Village plows cover the streets twice in each snow event opening streets in the first pass and widening the streets and rounding the corners at intersections in the second pass. This process typically results in driveways and sidewalk ends being filled twice per snow event. Primary snow operations typically occur at the conclusion of a snow event or can be on-going for larger snow events as seen in the past twelve months. For reference, primary snow operations clearing a three inch snowfall, fully utilizing this full staff allocation, takes six to seven hours. Larger snow events require more hours to complete primary operations due to rework requirements. Execution of Primary snow operations is prioritized by high traffic and high impact routes throughout the Village.

Secondary operations focus on snow removal from designated corridors within the Village and contract trucking to the Village snow storage facility. Secondary snow operations typically occur within 12 to 24 hours of the end of primary operations. The designated corridors are:

- Business District consisting of Main Street between First and Fifth Streets
- Business District Perimeter consisting of one block east and west of Main Street at First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Streets
- Market Street between Eighth and Fourth Streets
- Sixth and Seventh Streets between Main and Market

It should also be noted that Marathon County Highway Department conducts snow operations on STH 107 (i.e. Main Street), CTH B from STH 107 to the south boundary of the Village and CTH NN from Creekside Road to the east boundary of the Village. County Highway Department plowing of STH 107 is conducted in the traffic lanes only resulting in placement of snow on sidewalks and in the parking lanes along Main Street.

Business and property owners in the Marathon City Business District are responsible for snow removal from their properties. Snow from sidewalks can be pushed to the brick boulevards lining Main Street. Businesses and property owners can also clear parking lanes fronting their properties on Main Street to the curb and the boulevards in advance of secondary snow operations. Snow will be removed as part of the secondary snow operations.

Businesses or properties in the designated corridors outlined above that have larger volumes of snow from parking lots and driveways are encouraged to enter into a Commercial Property Snow Removal Agreement and relocate snow to one of the several short-term stockpiles which are addressed as part of secondary snow operations. There are several local entities that provide contract services for snow removal. These companies should contact the Village to gain authorization for snow deposits.

Clearing of sidewalks within residential districts of the Village are the responsibility of the property owner or tenant. Village plow operations utilize the curb line and/or boulevards of many Village streets for depositing snow. Residential properties can utilize this same area for clearing sidewalks. Alternatively, residential properties can utilize available yard space to pile snow.

Business and residential properties are not allowed to deposit snow on Village Streets / Alleys. Intentionally shoveling, blowing, or plowing snow from properties onto Village streets or alleys is prohibited and may result in municipal citation.

As a reminder, Winter Parking Rules are in effect from November 1 to April 1. The members of the Department of Public Works strive to serve the residents of Marathon City and ask for your assistance and patience as snow operations proceed through the season. Equipment makes frequently stops, turns and changes in direction of travel with limited visibility at times. Be aware of snow operations and give plenty of space to snow removal equipment while driving.