

## City of Eyota Snow Plowing Policy

The City of Eyota Public Works Department is committed to provide excellent snow removal services to the community; and to provide safe passages for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The City will provide snow removal services in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The City will utilize its employees and equipment, and/or private contractors when necessary to provide this service.

Snow removal and/or sanding operations shall begin when snow accumulation reaches two (2) inches or when ice occurs on designated priority emergency streets and shall continue periodically throughout the duration of the storm. It is the intentions of the City to, if possible, keep these routes open to traffic during the storm. However, snow and ice control operations will be conducted only when weather conditions do not endanger the safety of employees and equipment, and operations are effective. Factors that may delay snow and ice control operations include: severe cold, significant winds, limited visibility and rapid accumulation of snow and/or ice. It is not the intent of the City to keep these routes completely snow or ice free during a storm.

Generally, operations shall continue until all roads are passable. Widening and clean-up operations may continue immediately or on the following work day depending on conditions and circumstances.

Safety of the plow operators and the public are important. Snow plowing removal operations may be terminated to allow personnel an adequate time for rest. Any decision to suspend operations shall be made by the Public Works Supervisor and shall be based on conditions of the storm. The City will still provide access for emergency services (ambulance, fire, police and medical) during a major snow or ice storm within the City limits.

Snow plowing and de-icing priorities shall be as follows:

First Priority – ambulance garage, fire hall and city hall

Second Priority – arterial and collector streets:

2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE - from South Avenue SE to Highway 42,  
South Avenue SE - from 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE to South Front Street SE,  
South Front Street SE - from South Avenue SE to Madison Avenue SW  
Madison Avenue SW - from South Front Street SW to 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
6<sup>th</sup> Street SW - from Jefferson Avenue SW to South Avenue SE  
Jefferson Avenue SW - from 5<sup>th</sup> Street SW to Knowledge Road SW  
Knowledge Road SW - from Highway 42 to Township Road 142 SE  
Carolann Street NW - from Highway 42 to Madison Avenue NW to  
North Front Street NW to Center Avenue

Third Priority – commercial streets:

Lafayette Avenue SW - from South Front Street SW to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW  
Franklin Avenue SW - from South Front Street SW to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW  
Sandstone Drive SW  
Canyon Drive – from Sandstone Drive to Whetstone Place

Fourth Priority – residential streets

Fifth Priority – cul-de-sacs, alleys and parking lots

Sixth Priority – pathways

See the attached map for further detail

Priority ranking may be interrupted in order to respond to emergency requests for assistance, or at the direction of the Public Works Supervisor.

Sand and salt mixtures are spread over ice or slippery areas to provide an abrasive mixture to melt the ice. Sanding is done the first initial time of plowing operations or whenever ice or slippery conditions develop. Salt and sand will be applied to intersections, curves and hills. The City of Eyota does not have a dry pavement policy, so drivers will always have to be careful during the winter season.

For safety reasons, it is necessary to plow streets from curb to curb so that all snow is cleared from the streets to provide safe traffic flow. It is not the intent of the plow drivers to fill resident's driveways or sidewalks with snow, however this is the only place the snow can go so the streets can be kept clear of snow. Drivers make every attempt to minimize the amount of snow deposited in driveways, but the amount can still be significant. The City of Eyota does not provide driveway cleaning. Possible exceptions are at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor for emergency situations only.

Depending upon the volume of snow, snow storage within the City of Eyota boulevards, right-of-ways and easements can become significant, especially in cul-de-sac areas. The City of Eyota does not provide snow removal from these areas. The Public Works Department will remove snow from intersections within the Eyota city limits where piled snow has created an unsafe passage for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. All other snow removal from City boulevards, right-of-ways and easements will be at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor.

Trash and recyclable containers should be placed on driveway aprons or boulevard areas at least ten (10) feet behind the curb or edge of the street. Do not place containers in the street. The City of Eyota is not responsible for tipped, spilled or damaged containers.

Subject to availability of time, walking paths will be plowed or maintained; however, to avoid killing vegetation, no sanding will be done in these areas.

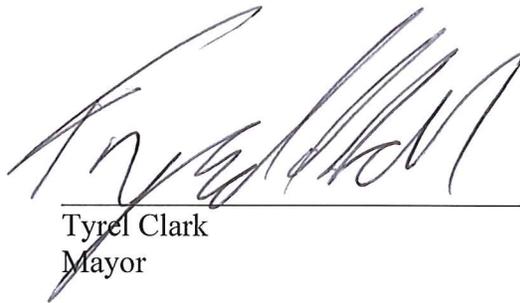
During snow and ice control operations, questions will be received by Eyota City Hall staff. The Public Works Department will take measures to keep the City Hall staff informed and updated regarding snow and ice removal operations. (e.g. schedules and breakdowns)

Fire hydrants need to be kept clear of snow so quick access can be made in the case of an emergency. The Public Works Department will make every effort to keep hydrants clear. However, due to work load, fire hydrants may not immediately be cleared. Therefore, City residents are asked to keep fire hydrants in their neighborhoods clear of snow. Thank you.

Policy adopted by the City Council of the City of Eyota, Minnesota this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.



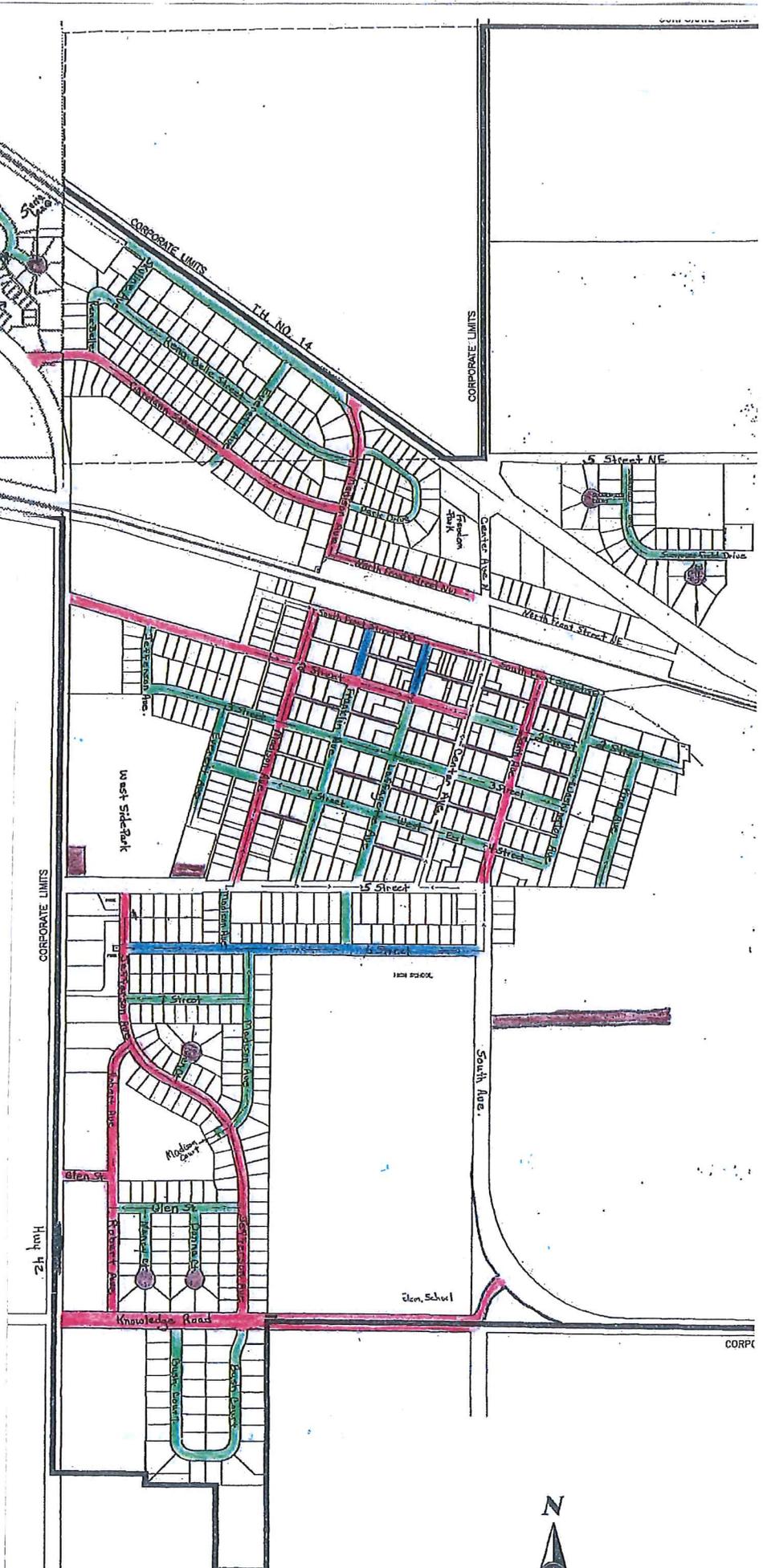
Marlis Knowlton  
Clerk/Treasurer



Tyrel Clark  
Mayor

# Snow Plowing Street Priority

-  First / Second Priority
-  Third Priority
-  Fourth Priority
-  Fifth Priority



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