



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** October 25, 2011

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Snow Emergency and Traffic Enforcement Related Ordinance Changes  
Public Hearing**

**Recommendation:**

- A. Adopt recommended changes to Title 18, Chapter 478 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Parking, Stopping and Standing, modifying or deleting outdated language pertaining to snow emergency restrictions
- B. Adopt recommended changes to Title 18, Chapter 468 of the Code relating to Traffic Code: Violation Procedure, allowing foremen of the City Engineer's office to issue tags for vehicles parked in violation of traffic code restrictions during officially authorized street maintenance activities.

**Previous Directives:**

October 7, 2011 – Referral of subject matter of ordinance amendments to Title 18, Chapter 478 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Parking, Stopping and Standing (modifying or deleting outdated language pertaining to snow emergency and residential street emergency parking restrictions, to create additional provisions for continuous winter parking restrictions, and to clarify definitions) and Title 18, Chapter 468 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Traffic Code: Violation Procedure (allowing foremen of the city engineer's office to issue tags for vehicles parked in violation of traffic code restrictions during officially authorized street maintenance activities).

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**Approved by:**

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**Reviews** Not Applicable

**Financial Impact**

No Financial Impact

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification:  
City Goals: A City that Works  
Comprehensive Plan:  
Zoning Code:

**Background/Supporting Information:**

Public Works is recommending ordinance amendments relating to snow emergencies and winter parking restrictions, as well as regarding who has the authority to issue citations for violation of traffic code restrictions during officially authorized street maintenance activities:

Snow Emergency and Winter Parking Restrictions: Ordinance changes to allow for the implementation of winter parking restrictions without the current limitation that they be immediately following a declared snow emergency, plus deletion of obsolete language and general clean-up simplification of other language.

Issuing Citations for Violation of Traffic Code Restrictions: Ordinance changes to allow for an expansion of the definition of employees (Foremen) in the Public Works Department who can write citations for violation of temporary parking restrictions during street maintenance activities. This will improve efficiency in the field during critical on-street maintenance activities.