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§ 72.25 SNOW ROUTE RESTRICTIONS

The streets identified in SCHEDULE III. SNOW ROUTES are declared snow routes and subject to restrictions as follows:

(A) After a snowfall of two inches (2") or more, it shall be unlawful for any person to leave parked or leave standing unattended a motor vehicle, upon any street identified by ordinance as a snow route until the street has been plowed after the completion of snow.

SCHEDULE III. SNOW ROUTES.

(A) The streets described in this schedule are hereby declared to be snow routes and parking on the streets described in this schedule is prohibited any time a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred, until the snow has been plowed off or otherwise removed.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Ord. No.</i>	<i>Date Passed</i>
All east-west streets	601	1-7-80
Main Street	996	1-19-00
Prairie Street	1311	12-5-07
Colorado Street	1320	12-19-07
Orange Avenue	1394	11-18-09
Liberty Street, East side	1432	1-5-11
Madison Street, West side	1534	2-5-14

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Lakin Drive, East side	1534	2-5-14
Timber Edge Drive, East side	1534	2-5-14
LaSalle Street, East side, from US Route 6 to Morris Road	1534	2-5-14

Before frigid weather sets in:

- Know the location of main water shut-off valve. If a pipe freezes or bursts, shut the water off immediately.
- Protect pipes and water meter. Wrap exposed pipes with insulation or use electrical heat tracing wire — follow manufacturer instructions closely to avoid a fire hazard. For outside meters, keep the lid to the meter pit closed tightly and let any snow that falls cover it. Snow acts as insulation, so don't disturb it.
- Know which areas in your home, such as basements, crawl spaces, unheated rooms and outside walls, are most vulnerable to freezing.
- Eliminate cold air sources near water lines by repairing broken windows, insulating walls, closing off crawl spaces and eliminating drafts near doors.

When temperatures are consistently at or below freezing:

- Allow a small trickle of water from both cold and hot water faucets to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is low compared to the cost to repair a broken pipe. Customers should also consider a wise water use practice and collect the running water for later use.
- Open cabinet doors to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures to help keep them from freezing, although be careful to not create a tripping hazard.

If your pipes do freeze:

- Shut water off immediately. Don't attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off, as freezing can often cause unseen cracks in pipes or joints.
- Apply heat to frozen pipe by warming the air around it or applying heat directly to the pipe. Customers can use a hair dryer, space heater or hot water. Be sure to not leave space heater unattended and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.

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- Once the pipes have thawed, turn the water back on slowly and check for cracks and leaks.

If you are going to be away from home for more than a few days:

- Have a friend, relative or neighbor regularly check the property to ensure that the heat is working and the pipes have not frozen.
- Also, a freeze alarm can be purchased for less than \$100 and will call a user-selected phone number if the inside temperature drops below 45 degrees.

In addition to pipes indoors, customers can help protect their own and their neighbors' homes by keeping fire hydrants clear of snow. Substantial snow accumulations combined with the after-effects of plowing roads and parking lots can leave fire hydrants partially or completely buried in snow. Clearing hydrants can help firefighters easily locate them and access water quickly, saving valuable time to possibly save lives and structures.