

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2018

Adopting Policy for Snow and Ice Removal

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Be it Resolved by the Township Trustees of Olmsted Township, that

WHEREAS, the Olmsted Township Board of Trustees annually budgets funds for and assumes responsibility for control of snow and ice on public streets; and,

WHEREAS, the Township will provide snow and ice removal for routine travel and emergency services and will make every responsible effort to best utilize its Township employees and equipment to provide this service; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Olmsted Township, State of Ohio, that;

Section 1: The Township is divided into two routes for snow and ice removal. The priority during a snow event is to clear the hills, bridges, and major roadways. The second priority is to clear collector streets within neighborhoods. Only when the first and second priority streets are clear do crews move in and begin clearing residential streets. As long as it is still snowing, crews will work to remove snow and ice accumulation from the priority streets.

Once crews move into residential areas there are things residents can do to help expedite snow and ice removal. Since snow is pushed to the right side of the road by the plow, residents are asked to remove parked vehicles from the streets during snow events to avoid being “plowed in”. Olmsted Township has a snow parking ban from 2 AM to 6 AM when snow exceeds 2 inches. Snow piled across drive approaches cannot be avoided. Residents are asked to avoid plowing snow from individual drives onto public streets. It is recommended that residents follow this general rule: as you face your house from the street, clear your own drive and sidewalk to the LEFT SIDE of your drive. This will lessen the amount of snow deposited by the plow across your drive approach.

When crews move into residential areas, they make one pass in and one pass out to provide for two-way traffic on all streets. After the entire route is completed and all thoroughfares are clear, a second pass will be made to clear the residential streets from curb to curb. Depending on the severity of the storm, crews may leave residential areas at any time to concentrate their efforts on major roadways. Again, depending on the intensity of the storm, the return trip to residential areas to clear from curb to curb may be a day or more after the initial pass. The Township tries to salt all stop bars and intersections throughout the routes.

Section 2: Shoveling Tips.

In order to clear a street, plows must push snow to the side of the roadway. This creates a necessary, but unfortunate consequence: snow pushed into driveways.

The Public Service Department asks for your understanding and offers the following suggestions:

Avoid shoveling snow into the street. Shoveling snow from your driveway into a street that has already been cleared may create safety hazards. Shoveling snow from your driveway into a street that has not been cleared will result in the snow being pushed back into your driveway by the plow.

When conditions exist that require snow plowing or salting, *please move vehicles off the street.* This greatly assists Crews in their efforts to keep streets safe and clear.

When shoveling near the end of your driveway, *shovel snow to the left side of the driveway as you are facing the house from the street.* When snow is piled in this manner, plows will push it towards the curb and sidewalk, and not back into the driveway approach.

Section 3: Mailboxes on public Township Roads.

Olmsted Township mailbox policy is outlined in Resolution 024-2018.

While it is the Department of Public Service's goal to clear snow from the roads safely and without incident, it is possible that some residential mailboxes will suffer damage from contact with a snow plow.

The Township's primary concern that mail service not get interrupted for any resident. If the postal carrier is unable to deliver mail because of damage to your mailbox, a temporary mailbox can be provided until repairs or a replacement is made.

If a mailbox was damaged by contact with an Olmsted Township snow plow, a mailbox will be repaired or replaced. If damage was caused by snow or ice hitting the mailbox, or due to deteriorated materials, repairs or replacement is the responsibility of the resident. Residents are encouraged to make sure their mailboxes can withstand heavy snow thrown by passing plow trucks.

Section 4: Mailboxes on private Township roads with a Homeowner's Association (HOA):

Mail boxes and any appurtenances are part of the hold harmless agreement and will not be subject to repair or replacement during the PRIVATE STREET'S WITH HOA'S Snow & Ice Removal Pilot Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Township Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted the 14th day of November, 2018

Attest: Brian W. Smith
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Township Trustees