

**Snow Emergency Ordinance**-On December 15th, 2008, the St Clair City Council Meeting amended the parking ordinance to eliminate the winter overnight parking restrictions. The prohibition against parking on City Streets between the hours of 2:30am and 6:00am December through April was replaced with a new Snow Emergency Ordinance. The Snow Emergency Ordinance prohibits parking on any City street when snow exceeds or is expected to exceed 4 inches and a formal declaration has been made. The declaration will be broadcast by numerous local media sources and outlets.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### When is a Snow Emergency declared?

The City of St Clair implements a snow emergency when it is predicted, or we have received, four inches or more of snow accumulation. When a snow emergency is declared, a parking ban automatically goes into effect.

#### How will I receive notice of a snow emergency?

When a snow emergency goes into effect, notification will be made utilizing local commercial media services (WPHM, WHLX, WHLS, WSAQ, WWJ, WJR (radio), WDIV, WXYZ, WJBK (television) and will appear on St Clair Community Television (Cable channel 6).

#### If I do not have off-street parking, where can I park during a snow emergency?

When a snow emergency is called into effect, a parking ban is initiated and it is required that all vehicles be removed from streets once the emergency is put into place. For those who do not have off-street parking, alternative parking is available by using City owned parking lots. These lots are located at the Pine Shores Golf Course, Greig Park, Rotary Park, Palmer Park, and along Eighth Street at Orchard.

The parking lot at Riverview Plaza is a privately owned parking lot.

#### How long is a Snow Emergency in effect?

Snow emergency declarations are in effect until the snow event has passed and the streets have been sufficiently cleared of snow and ice to allow for reasonably safe passage and parking.

#### Who is responsible for shoveling the sidewalks?

Presently, there is an ordinance requiring the occupant or the person having charge of a property to remove snow, ice, dirt, mud and other objectionable substances from sidewalks fronting or abutting any street or highway where city sidewalks exist. Failure to remove such materials may result in the City undertaking or contracting for such removal and costs charged against the property.

#### Is there a fine for shoveling snow onto the street?

Yes. Snowblowing, shoveling, or throwing snow back onto the street when clearing driveways or sidewalks is prohibited by City Ordinance.