



DATE: July 21, 2015

TO: Michael G. Herring, ICMA-CM
City Administrator

FROM: James A. Eckrich, P.E. *JAE*
Public Works Director / City Engineer

RE: Snow Removal for Private Driveways within Public
Right of Way

As you will recall, in 2014 City Council approved the implementation of a program whereby Public Services maintenance personnel will remove ice and snow from the driveway apron of qualifying residents after any snow event with two or more inches of snow. This program was implemented on a one-year trial basis, and was to be assessed prior to the 2015 / 2016 winter season to determine whether it should be continued.

The program was advertised in the fall of 2014, and 142 residences signed up for the program. In order to qualify for the program, a resident had to provide evidence of a medical condition which limits their ability to remove snow.

Fortunately, the 2014 / 2015 winter season was relatively mild. There were only two events (February 15 and March 1) within which the City of Chesterfield received in excess of two inches of snow. During these events Public Services maintenance personnel spent approximately 30-40 man hours removing snow from private driveway aprons within the public right of way.

Because there were only two events, and these snowfalls were relatively low (four inches), I do not believe I have enough information to recommend whether this program should be continued on an annual basis. Accordingly, I recommend that this program be implemented for one additional year on a trial basis. After the 2015 / 2016 winter season, this program will be assessed again and a recommendation will be made as to whether the program should be continued.

Action Recommended

This matter should be forwarded to the Planning and Public Works Committee for consideration. Should PPW concur with Staff's recommendation, the Snow Removal Program for Private Driveways within Public Right of Way will be continued for one additional year on a trial basis.

*✓ MGH
7/21/15*

Cc: Michael O. Geisel, Director of Public Services
