

# Winter Storm Plan Downtown Staunton

## City Directive: Downtown Parking During Winter Storm Events “Please Park for Street Clearing”

When serious winter storm conditions are expected the City Manager may declare a **Winter Storm Event** and create special parking restrictions in Downtown Staunton.

### Streets Affected During a Winter Storm Event

Downtown Streets affected during a **Winter Storm Event** will be Beverley from Lewis to Market; Byers Street, Middlebrook from Augusta to Lewis; New Street from Frederick to Mill; Mill Street, Market Street from Frederick to Kalorama; Frederick from Coalter to Lewis; Augusta from Churchville to Johnson and Central from Johnson to Churchville Avenue; S Lewis from Johnson to Middlebrook, and Pump Street. **Highlighted map attached.**

### Where to Park

When a **Winter Storm Event** has been declared and road conditions warrant street clearing activities, please move your car to the covered garages so that the City can clear the street. During a **Winter Storm Event** period parking in the New Street and Johnson Street garages will be free to accommodate vehicles during and immediately after a winter storm, until the roads are clear. In addition to the garages you may park in the Wharf, Mill Street, North Lewis, Hardy and Augusta Street Lots once they have been cleared and until the **Winter Storm Event** has been cancelled.

When streets are considered to be sufficiently clear of snow or ice the **Winter Storm Event** will be cancelled and regular parking conditions will resume.

## City Ordinance: Downtown Snow and Ice Removal on Sidewalks “It’s the Law”

Snow and ice on sidewalks presents a very real concern for downtown businesses. It blocks the pedestrian traffic that is the lifeblood of a downtown area, and it presents a real hazard to an increasingly aging population. Clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to your property as soon as possible is not only great customer service, but an important consideration for your fellow Downtown businesses and residents.

Not clearing snow and ice is against the law! The Staunton City Code is very clear. **When snow, sleet or ice falls on sidewalks, or ice forms on them, the owner or occupier of any property that borders a sidewalk must clear that sidewalk within 6 hours of when the ice or snow stops or ice ceases to form. If the precipitation falls, or the ice forms, at night, the owner or occupier of the property has until noon the following day to clear the walk.**

If the owner or occupant of property lives out of the downtown area or is not capable of clearing sidewalks, then that person is expected to arrange in advance for someone else to remove the ice and snow as specified by law. Note that City Code applies to all sidewalks abutting property. If your property is on a corner, then the owner or occupant is required to clear the sidewalks at the front and to the side of the property.

Obviously downtown sidewalks present challenges. In most cases there is no place to pile removed snow and ice, and the law strictly forbids that it be shoveled into the street. Where such constraints exist, downtown property owners are expected to clear a generous path through the snow and ice immediately adjacent to their property and pile the removed snow at the outside edge of the sidewalk, leaving occasional openings for pedestrians to use to access vehicles. Clearing walks with limited space is difficult and time-consuming, but it is part of doing business in a downtown environment, and it is important.

The melting and refreezing of snow and ice piled on sidewalks can present a danger to pedestrians long after any precipitation ends. Property owners or occupiers are expected to closely monitor conditions and clear or chemi-cally treat any ice so that pedestrians can walk safely. The best product to use is Ice Melt, as ordinary salt will permanently stain brick pavers.

When conditions warrant and resources exist the City may clear walkways and haul snow in the Downtown.

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## Please Move Your Car for Street Clearing

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