

TOWN OF PITKIN COMPREHENSIVE SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

***This policy is recommended by the Snow Plowing Committee**

PURPOSE AND POLICY

The purpose of the Pitkin Snow Removal Policy is to communicate the process for providing snow removal services and determining the level of service to be provided in the Town of Pitkin. It is the goal of the Pitkin Board of Trustees to prioritize annual budget funding for snow removal and street maintenance. This policy is adopted to facilitate the process by which sufficient funding can be made available for snow removal on an annual basis. Future amendment of this policy may occur as financial circumstances dictate. Public notice will be provided prior to any amendment consideration.

Currently, Gunnison County and the Town of Pitkin have an ongoing, annually renewable Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to remove snow on a portion of town streets and the Town annually contracts with a private company to address additional snow removal needs. Snow removal service providers will clear snow from the existing improved portion of street and alley rights-of-way, and maintain intersections as needed.

It is the policy of the Town of Pitkin to assure that all winter residents have access to their driveway or off-street vehicle parking.

SNOW REMOVAL AND ROUTES

In August of each year, the Town of Pitkin will publish a draft map and a list of the proposed snow routes for the coming winter. Winter residents who are not served by the routes identified in the preliminary draft must notify the Town of Pitkin no later than September 30th of each year.

Snow removal services will commence with a snow accumulation of six (6) inches or more or at the discretion of the Street Commissioner. The Town of Pitkin will, at a minimum, annually secure snow removal services for the streets and alleys identified in the official route list.

The attached map and list identify all named and numbered streets to receive snow removal services and also identify all lanes to receive snow removal services. Snow removal service providers will not clear driveways, driveway entrances, or off-street parking. *NOTE: At its discretion, the Town of Pitkin may curtail snow removal on segments of the Snow Removal Routes when it is determined to be unnecessary because the segment does not provide access to driveways or off-street parking.*

PROPERTY OCCUPANT RESPONSIBILITY

Winter residents who are not served by the routes identified in the preliminary draft must notify the Town of Pitkin no later than September 30th of each year to be added to the Snow Removal Route Map for the coming winter. Winter visitors are responsible for initial plowed access to their driveway.

All questions or concerns about snow plowing should be directed to the Town of Pitkin Street Commissioner or Town Clerk.

The Town of Pitkin will provide access to winter businesses. Business owners are responsible to clear adequate parking.

All snow from private property or adjacent sidewalks shall be stored on private property or on unplowed portions of street rights-of-way. Placing, dumping, pushing, or blowing snow onto the plowed portion of any Town right-of-way is prohibited. It is the responsibility of the property owner to clear any berms that form in front of driveways or walkways.

Individuals are encouraged to slow down and use caution when snow removal equipment is operating. Follow well behind the equipment with vehicle headlights on. Stay clear of flying snow and pass snow removal equipment at your own risk. Stay clear of equipment backing up and turning.