

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences

PW-3 Driveway Snow Removal Policy

Department: Public Works

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The County of St. Paul desires to arrange for the removal of snow from residents' driveways during the winter season.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1.0 Snowplow Agreements

1.1 Residents wishing to have snow removed from their driveway by the Public Works Department employees will be required to sign a snowplow agreement.

2.0 Snowplow Flags

2.1 Upon executing a snowplow agreement, snowplow flags can be purchased at a fee set by Council in the Fee Schedule Bylaw. One (1) snowplow flag entitles a resident to one (1) driveway clearing.

2.2 Snowplow flags may be purchased at the County Administration Office, County Public Works Building, or the Town of Elk Point Administration Office.

2.3 Residents are encouraged to purchase multiple flags for each winter season as they do not expire.

2.4 Residents shall place a snowplow flag on their rural address sign to indicate that snowplowing service is required. Residents may call the Public Works Department to request snow clearing if staff are no longer in the area. However, if additional travel is required to provide the service, residents may be charged additional hourly fees in accordance with the Fee Schedule Bylaw.

3.0 School Bus Routes

3.1 Residents who live at the end of a school bus route where the school bus must enter the yard to turn around will have their driveway cleared at no charge. This request must come from St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1. Residents must sign a snowplow agreement and obtain a snowplow flag.

4.0 Seniors

- 4.1 Seniors (age 65+), defined as those residents with a permanent residence within the County of St. Paul, can sign a lifetime snowplow agreement but must pick up a County-issued snowplow flag. This service is provided at no charge if the senior resides at that land location. This also applies to widowed persons who were married to a senior but is not a senior themselves for the remainder of the current winter season.
- 4.2 Seasonal residents, that are seniors, though not eligible for the lifetime snowplow agreement, may still purchase snowplow flags as per Section 2.1.

5.0 Persons with Disabilities

- 5.1 Disabled persons can sign a snowplow agreement and pick up a snowplow flag (colours shall vary) at no charge. The County reserves the right to request proof of disability from the resident as a condition to obtaining this service.

6.0 Right to Refuse

- 6.1 If a resident's driveway is too narrow or unsafe for County equipment to access and complete the work, the County retains the right to refuse to snowplow the driveway. In this situation, the County will provide a written notice to the resident explaining the reason for refusing the work and will provide a refund for any snow flag purchases the resident has incurred.

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