“City of Norfolk officials advise citizens to stay off the streets”

City of Norfolk snow plow operators will be working in the early Wednesday morning hours on the monumental task of clearing city streets of over 12 inches of snow that the wind in some places has whipped into four foot drifts. City Administrator Shane Weidner asks that citizens stay off the streets to let the operators do their job.

“We’ve gotten a lot of snow that has piled up on our streets and made many of them impassable. What has compounded the problem is that it’s a wet heavy snow that makes the job of clearing it off more difficult so we’re asking citizens to stay off the streets for now. It isn’t safe to be out and about until the snow plows have made their way through,” Weidner said.

A snow emergency was declared Monday evening and remains in effect requiring that all vehicles be parked on the side of the street with even numbered houses and off any main thoroughfares. In a snow emergency, tickets can be issued to those who have their vehicles parked on the odd side of the street or along the emergency snow routes. Weidner reminded citizens they can call the City Snow Number at 844-2299 to know if a snow emergency is still in effect.