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## **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, January 17

## SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR NORFOLK

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for Madison County from 6 a.m. on Friday until 6 a.m. on Saturday. Forecasted snowfall is expected to reach 2 – 5 inches and ice accumulations will create a glaze and wind gusts of 20 to 30 mph will lead to blowing snow and reduced visibility. For public safety and more efficient snow removal, the City of Norfolk has declared a Snow Emergency effective 6 a.m. Friday until further notice.

Parking is allowed on only the even side of residential streets. No parking is allowed at all on cul-de-sacs and emergency snow routes. This allows for more efficient snow removal by city crews.

In a snow emergency, citations will be issued to those who have their vehicles parked on the odd side of the street and on cul-de-sacs. Citizens parked along the emergency snow routes which include: Benjamin Avenue; Norfolk Avenue (except the downtown area); Omaha Avenue; 1st Street; 7th Street; 13th Street; 25th Street; Pasewalk Avenue; Elm Avenue from 1st to 4th Street; Koenigstein Avenue from 13th to 16th Street; and Prospect Avenue from 4th to 25th Street – are subject to towing.

Residents can call the City Snow Number at 402-844-2299 to know when a snow emergency is in effect or not and can sign up for Norfolk Emergency Text Alerts at <a href="https://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/EmergencyAlerts.htm">www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/EmergencyAlerts.htm</a>, or by texting <a href="https://orfolk.ne.us/EmergencyAlerts.htm">norfolkalerts</a> to the number <a href="https://orfolk.ne.us/EmergencyAlerts.htm">81257</a>, to receive all emergency text alerts from the City of Norfolk.

Citizens are also reminded that as per Section 22-1 of the City Code, it is the responsibility of the owner and/or occupant of real estate to remove snow and/or ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after the cessation of precipitation.

For more information about Snow Emergencies, Snow Maps and the Sequence of Residential Plowing, go to http://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/Street/snow\_removal\_and\_sanding.htm.

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