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NEWS RELEASE

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SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR NORFOLK EFFECTIVE 6 a.m. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Due to the impending snowstorm this weekend, the City of Norfolk has declared a Snow Emergency effective at 6 a.m. Saturday, February 23, until further notice. On top of the snow that we have already received this week, the forecast is calling for freezing drizzle, more snow, and wind gusts reaching 40 – 55 mph, which may create white-out and/or blizzard like conditions. The ice, snow, and drifting snow will impact travel and may cause power outages.

No parking is allowed at all on cul-de-sacs and emergency snow routes. On residential streets, parking is allowed on only the even side of the street; however, it is strongly encouraged that citizens park off of the street if possible. 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. A full description of emergency snow routes can be found on our website and on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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 www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/EmergencyAlerts.htm, or by texting **norfolkalerts** to the number **81257**, 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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