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Agenda Item No: REP 128-13

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Aug 19, 2013

Re: Establish Tow Zones on Priority Routes with Snow Measuring More than Two Inches

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a report recommending the establishment of tow zones on first and second priority snow routes when snow is more than two inches deep.

DISCUSSION:

At the May 6, 2013 pre-Council meeting, it was suggested that in order to improve the efficiency of snow removal from city streets, designated snow routes should be established on first and second priority routes (see attached priority route map). During the winter storm beginning February 21, 2013, 10.2 inches of snow fell, and due in part to the number motorists that abandoned their vehicles on the street, it took crews 28 hours to clear priority routes. In contrast, the March 22nd winter storm dropped 9.5 inches of snow and many motorists stayed home and off the streets, which allowed crews to clear priority routes in just seven (7) hours, and 33 hours to clear the entire City. To allow the crews to remove snow from priority routes in a timely and efficient manner, staff is proposing to establish tow zones on first and second priority snow routes when snow is more than two inches deep.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to install signs notifying motorists of tow zones is estimated to cost \$6,000 on first priority routes and \$19,000 on second priority routes, for a total of \$25,000 to be paid from the street maintenance account.

VISION IMPACT:

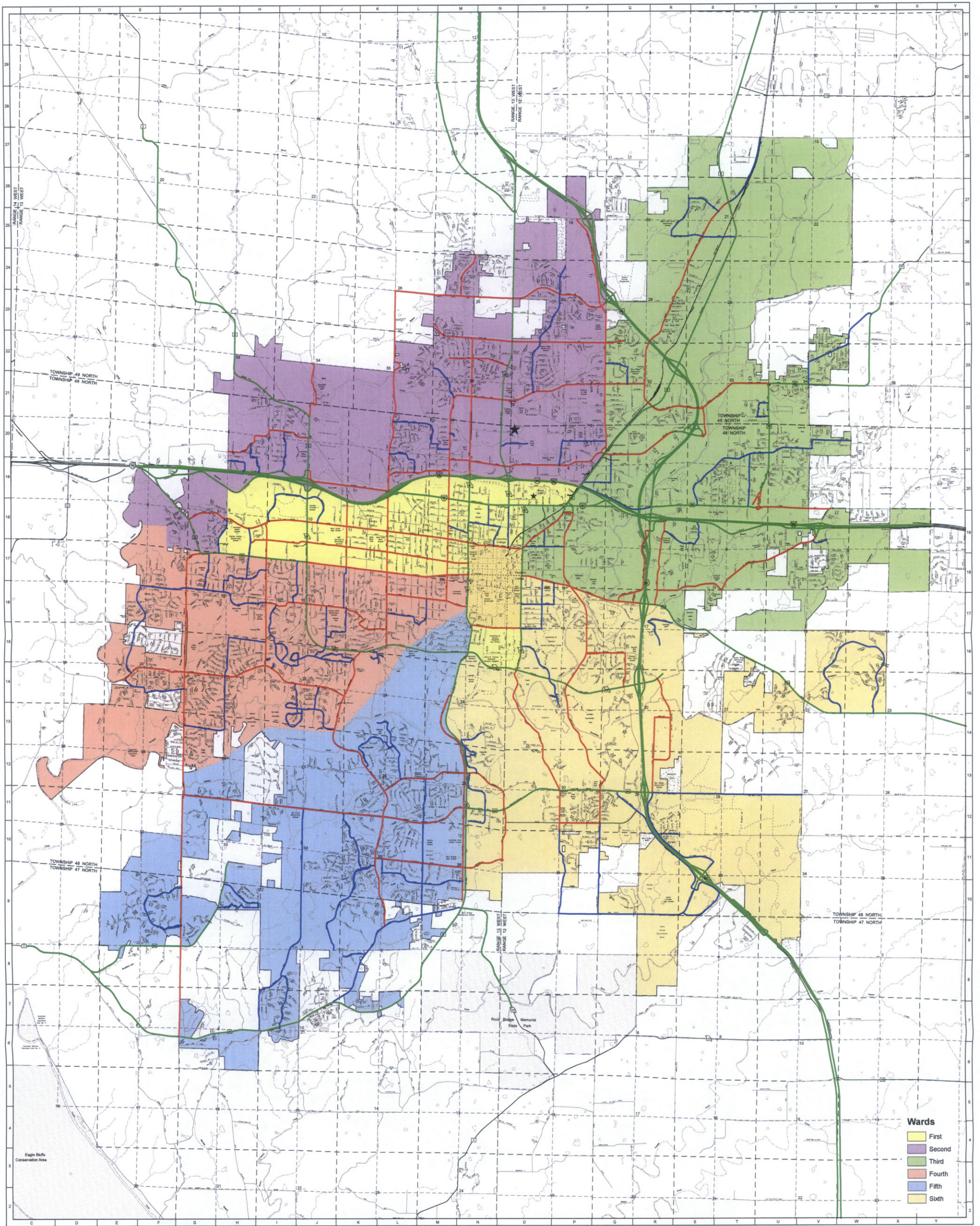
<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

City plans and implements improvement of city services along with education about services.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

If Council agrees with staff recommendation, a motion should be passed directing staff to bring forward an ordinance that creates tow zones on first and second priority routes when snow is over two inches deep.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Epands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$25,000.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	3.4.5
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	



Legend

--- Township/Range Line	--- Private Drive/Street
--- Section Line	--- Trail
--- Quartersection Line	--- Railroad Tracks
--- Creek/Stream	--- School
--- Corporate Limit Line	--- Water Tower

Scale 1"=1800' Miles

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COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Winter Weather Priority Route Map
November 2, 2012

Wards

- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth
- Fifth
- Sixth

Snow Route Priority

- First
- Downtown
- Second
- State