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First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 275-13

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit parking on signed snow routes when snow is more than two (2) inches deep on the roadway; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 14-304. No parking, tow-away zones.

(a) When signs are placed, erected or installed giving notice thereof, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle upon any of the streets or places hereinafter set forth:

I-70 Drive Southeast, both sides, beginning two thousand (2,000) feet east of Woodridge Drive, thence east six hundred (600) feet.

Rollins Street, both sides, beginning 125 feet from the west curb of Hitt Street and ending 485 feet from the east curb of Missouri Avenue.

Any roadway signed as a snow route when there is two (2) inches or more of snow on the roadway.

(b) Vehicles in violation of this section shall be towed.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

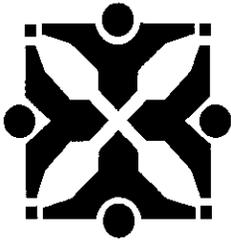
ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



Source: Public Works *Jah*

Agenda Item No:

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Sep 16, 2013

Re: Designating Tow Zones on Priority Routes when Snow is More than Two Inches Deep

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Section 14-304 of the City Code to prohibit parking on signed snow routes when snow is more than two inches deep.

DISCUSSION:

At the August 19, 2013 Council Meeting, a motion passed directing staff to bring forward an ordinance designating tow zones on first and second priority routes when snow is more than two inches deep (see attached map of first and second priority routes). This ordinance is recommended to enable crews to clear priority routes in a reasonable time period. During the storm that began on February 21, 2013, 10.2 inches of snow fell, and due in part to the number of motorists that parked and abandoned their vehicles on the street, it took crews 28 hours to clear priority routes. In contrast, the storm that began on March 22, 2013, with 9.5 inches of snow, many motorists stayed home and off of the streets which allowed crews to clear priority routes in just seven hours, and 33 hours to clear the entire City.

A notification process is planned when two inches or more of snow is forecast, including press releases and smart phone alerts reminding motorists that vehicles will need to be removed from priority routes or be towed. The releases could include information that the City does not set tow rates, and provide phone numbers for the Attorney General's office if they believe price gouging has occurred. The City has not pursued a bid contract since all available tow trucks in a geographical area are needed when a winter emergency occurs, and to keep the City out of the arena of price fixing.

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:

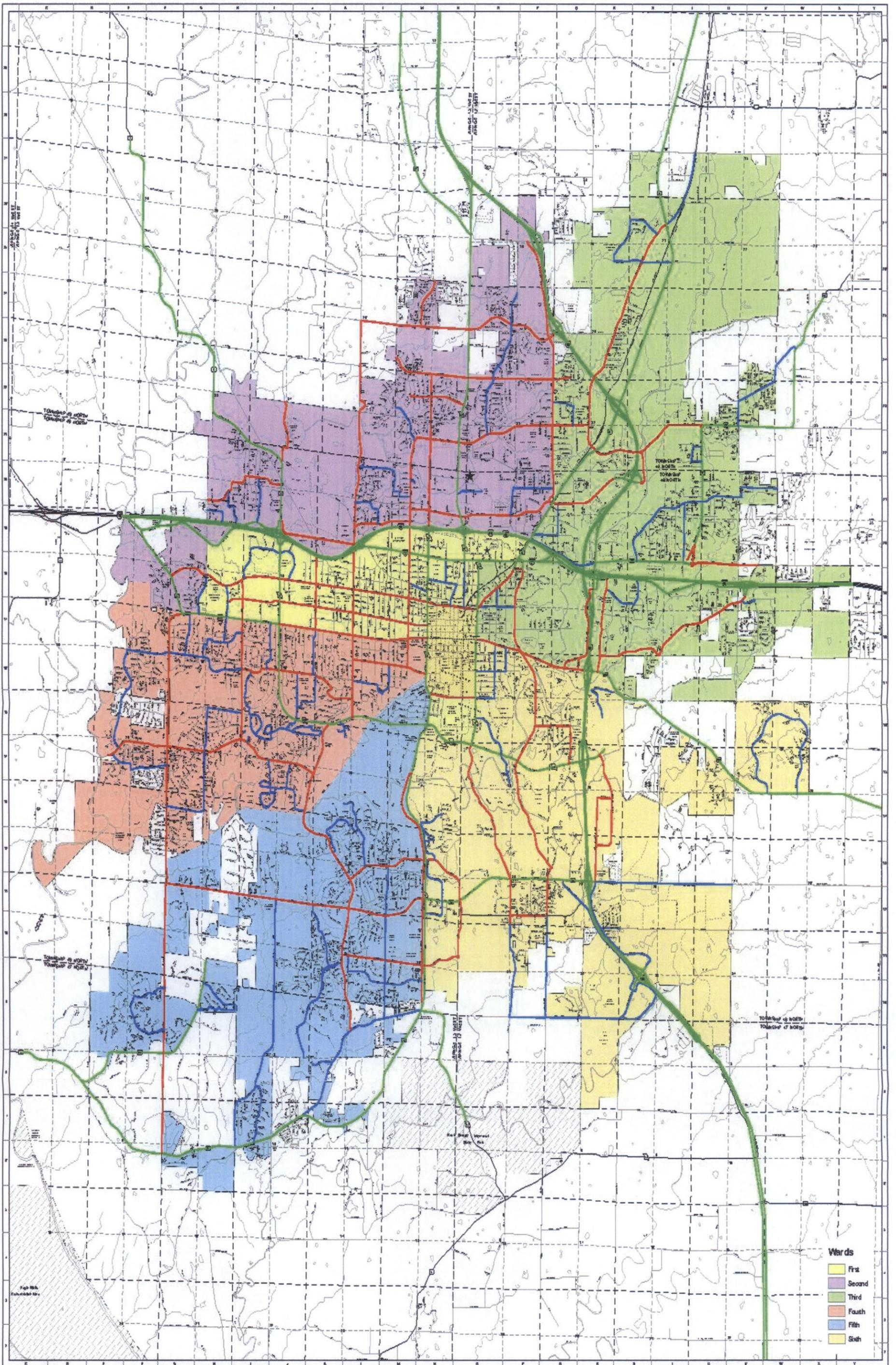
<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

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

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

If Council agrees with the staff recommendation, approve the ordinance amending Section 14-304 of the City Code to prohibit parking on signed snow routes when snow is more than 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	--- Private/Other Road
--- Section Line	--- Trail
--- Quarter/Section Line	--- Railroad Tracks
--- Contour Line	--- School
--- Caprock Unit Line	--- Water Tower

Scale 1" = 1500'



COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Winter Weather Priority Route Map
November 2, 2012

Wards

- 1 First
- 2 Second
- 3 Third
- 4 Fourth
- 5 Fifth
- 6 Sixth

Snow Route Priority

- 1 First
- 2 Overstreet
- 3 Second
- 4 State