



# CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

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RE: Amendment to City's Snow Removal Ordinance

Dear City of Highland Park Licensed Landscaper or Private Snow Removal Company and Snow Plow Operator

When snow is plowed from private property and deposited onto public streets it creates a traffic hazard. Depositing snow on private property or in the public right-of-way across from the property being cleared of snow can damage property, create a nuisance and hamper sight lines from adjacent properties. Property owners should be free from encroachments onto their property by snow removed from other property.

It has been a common practice for many snow removal companies to push snow from one property, across public streets and onto the parkway on the opposing side of the street. This process often leaves ridges of snow on previously cleared streets that create traffic hazards. The "receiving" property owner often experiences property damage and reduced sight lines from their driveways. **The revised code provides an exemption allowing for plow operators to deposit snow on the city parkway located immediately adjacent to and on the same side of the street as the property from which the snow is being removed.**

These were some of the reasons brought forward to City Council in February of 2006 to support changes in the current snow removal ordinance. As a result, the Council approved amendments to the current code. **It is now a violation of city ordinance to remove snow from one parcel of property and deposit the snow onto another parcel without the consent of that property owner. This includes the public parkway. Under the revised code, depositing snow on another's property or parkway is a violation and both the snow removal company and originating property owner could face a fine up to \$200.**

The snow ordinance will be enforced by the Police Department and the Public Works Code Enforcement Officers. This snow ordinance (93.337) can be viewed on the City Web Site [www.cityhpil.com](http://www.cityhpil.com) under "City Code" for further reference. Please see the below diagram.

