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To: Transportation & Safety Committee

From: David P. Gorman, PE, Acting Director of Public Works

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RE: Parking During Snow and Ice Removal Operations

Under typical winter storm conditions, the Village's Snow Plan calls for snow plowing to commence after one inch of snow has fallen. Salt is typically used before that depth is reached. This procedure is typical for municipal operations.

Section 10-13-12 of the Village's Traffic Code states that "it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle for a period of time longer than three minutes for loading and unloading of passengers or thirty minutes for loading and unloading of property on any street at any time after snow begins to fall and for a period of eight hours after snow ceases to fall, if the snow on the streets exceeds *three inches* (3") in depth, as determined by the Director of Public Works or his representative, and for such added period of time, if necessary, to complete snow removal operations on any such street(s)." A survey of surrounding communities found that only Downers Grove also uses a 3" standard. Addison, Glen Ellyn and Villa Park have a 2" standard. Oakbrook Terrace has a 1" standard and Oak Brook does not allow any on-street parking in most areas.

This disconnect between the Village's Snow Plan and the Traffic Code poses a real danger to the drivers as well as their vehicles. Over the past winter, 15 of the 29 snow events exceeded 1" in depth. During these events, parked cars prevented or delayed the plowing of the full pavement width. Those cars are also occasionally hit by the Village trucks as well as by other vehicles. In fact, there is at least one accident most winters, including a car that was totaled this past January. As such, Staff requests that the Committee recommend that the Village Board of Trustees amend the Village Traffic Code 10-13-12 to prohibit on-street parking after one inch (1") has fallen.