

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Nicholas Ross, Director of Transportation and Engineering

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution Adopting Alternate Side Parking Regulations on Local Streets for the Purpose of Winter Maintenance

**MEETING DATE:** July 1, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Resolution

**RECOMMENDATION:** **Consider the Motion:** *I move to approve a Resolution adopting alternate side parking regulations on local streets for the purpose of winter maintenance.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 4.3 Strategic Infrastructure Choices: Prioritize long-term investment and maintenance for existing and new infrastructure.

**BACKGROUND:** In response to significant public comment received during the 2024-2025 snow year, staff seeks to improve on-street parking management on local streets for the public safety benefits of improved winter maintenance and emergency response. As means of improving operational service to our community and building trust through inclusion of the public and Commission in decision making, city staff seeks approval from the Bozeman City Commission of a Resolution adopting alternate side parking regulations on local streets for the purpose of winter maintenance.

Commission hosted the city's Director of Transportation and Engineering for a work session on the topic in April of 2025 during which outcomes of the city's 2025 pilot program of alternate side parking restrictions in the downtown core south of Main Street were presented for feedback along with several other potential parking management solutions. A similar work session was given to the city's Interneighborhood Council and Transportation Advisory Board serving as Parking Commission. Feedback from both boards and Commission were understood by staff to be positive on the future adoption and expansion of alternate side parking regulations for winter maintenance. Staff has proposed formalizing a program of regulations, to be designated with street signage and enforced by the city's Parking Division, that would serve neighborhoods on the Tuesday weekly snow plowing schedule (in Year-1 of the program) in a manner that would allow clear access from travel lanes to the edge of street on alternating sides of the street by week of month. On-street parking on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses would be restricted on the first and third Tuesday of the month. On-street parking on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses would then be restricted on the second and fourth

Tuesday of the month. The proposed period of alternate side parking restrictions would occur from December 1st through March 31st. Winter maintenance would continue occurring through the regulated areas on Tuesdays prior to and following the period of enforcement on an as-needed basis without enforcement of the proposed alternate side regulations. All existing parking regulations will remain, and streets with existing permanent restriction of on-street parking would not fall under the proposed alternate side regulations. Similar regulations may be expanded to additional parts of the city in the future.

Staff research has found that various forms of on-street parking regulations are common to all winter weather cities experiencing similar levels and durations of snow accumulation as Bozeman. Alternate side restrictions were the most prevalent form of regulation, while many require full removal of parking after periods of snowfall. At this time, full removal of parking has been determined to be detrimental to community interests and will not be proposed until a time when alternate side restrictions prove to be unsuccessful and community support is gained for higher-impact parking removals.

Bozeman Streets Division provides a relatively unique level of service for local street winter maintenance through a fleet of motor graders equipped with snow gates to reduce the prevalence of depositing a windrow of snow across driveways, mailboxes, and curb ramps. The speed of this operation coupled with size of operator staff and equipment fleet only allows the city to provide up to weekly service, whereas most cities studied plow snow at faster rates with traditional plows that bury in driveways. For this reason, staff has proposed the form of alternate side parking regulations presented above specific to the needs of Bozeman.

The Interneighborhood Council has voted unanimously by all eligible voting members to approve a Resolution recommending Commission adopt alternate side parking regulations during their June 12, 2025 meeting . The Transportation Advisory Board has also unanimously voted to approve a similar Resolution at their June 25, 2025 meeting.

The Commission Resolution is attached for review along with proposed draft of regulatory signage.

Please note that this Resolution gives authority to the director of transportation and engineering to enact future expansion of these regulations without Commission approval. However, Commission is welcomed to provide future input as needed.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by the Commission.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:**

Cost of installation of regulatory signage and enforcement of the proposed regulations has been accounted for in the upcoming FY26 Operating Budget.

Attachments:

[FINAL Resolution Adopting Alternate Side Parking Regulations for Winter Maintenance.docx](#)  
[Snow\\_Removal-No\\_Parking.jpg](#)

Report compiled on: June 3, 2025