

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Transportation Board

FROM: Nicholas Ross, Director of Transportation and Engineering

SUBJECT: A Resolution Recommending Approval of Alternate Side Parking Regulations for Winter Maintenance

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: Consider the Motion: I move to recommend approval to the Bozeman City Commission of a Resolution adopting alternate side parking regulations 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: City staff seeks a recommendation of approval from the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) acting as Parking Commission through TAB Resolution 2025-01 (see attached) for an upcoming Commission Resolution adopting alternate side parking regulations on local streets for the purpose of winter maintenance.

In response to significant public comment received during the 2024-2025 snow year, staff has sought to improve on-street parking management on local streets for the public safety benefit of improved winter maintenance and emergency response.

TAB 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 the Bozeman City Commission. Responses 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. Bozeman Streets Division provides a relatively unique level of service through a fleet of motor graders equipped with snow gates to reduce the prevalence of depositing a windrow of snow across driveways. 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 unanimously voted to approve a similar Resolution during their June 12, 2025 meeting by all eligible voting members.

TAB Resolution 2025-01 is attached for review and will be substantially similar, if not the same, as the upcoming Commission resolution. A proposed draft of regulatory signage is also attached for reference.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the Board.

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:

[TAB Resolution 2025-01 Adopting Alternate Side Parking Regulations for Winter Maintenance.docx](#)
[Snow_Removal-No_Parking.jpg](#)

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