

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Inter-Neighborhood Council

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

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

**MEETING DATE:** June 12, 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:** 7.3 Best Practices, Creativity & Foresight: Utilize best practices, innovative approaches, and constantly anticipate new directions and changes relevant to the governance of the City. Be also adaptable and flexible with an outward focus on the customer and an external understanding of the issues as others may see them.

**BACKGROUND:** Out of respect for the authority given to the Interneighborhood Council (INC) for advising Bozeman City Commission on policy-related matters in its member neighborhoods, city staff seeks a recommendation of approval through INC Resolution 2025-02 (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. INC 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 then given to the city's Transportation Advisory Board, serving in their duties as the City of Bozeman Parking Commission, 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 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.

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.

INC Resolution 2025-02 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:

[Snow Removal-No Parking.jpg](#)

[INC Resolution 2025-02 Adopting Alternate Side Parking Regulations for Winter Maintenance.docx](#)

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