

Municipality of Anchorage

Development Services Department

Right-of-Way Enforcement



Notice

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To:

From: Charlie Eliassen

Subject: Removal of Snow from Private Property

Snow removal is a necessary and important activity in Anchorage. Your participation removing snow from private driveways and parking lots is a critical element in the process. The Municipality of Anchorage is dedicated to ensure safe and appropriate uses of the municipal rights-of-way, which protect our citizens from harm and reduce taxpayer costs of snow removal.

One intended use of Municipal rights-of-way is removal and storage of snow which has fallen within the right-of-way. During and immediately after a snow event, snow is plowed from the traveled surface of the roadway and sidewalk. It is then hauled away, blown back or stored within the right-of-way. This is done in a planned and safe manner.

Snow placed in rights-of-way from private driveways and parking lots compounds snow removal operations, adds costs and may create safety hazards when private snow removal equipment appears suddenly and unexpectedly from private property into the roadway, or snow is placed where it impedes safe travel or obscures vision. It is also illegal. Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) 24.80.090 D prohibits placing snow from private property into the public place (right-of-way). The fine for noncompliance is \$300.00 per violation. Additionally, use of the right-of-way for storage of snow may cost \$1000.00 for each violation.

Our goal is to guarantee safe and efficient snow removal, while ensuring compliance with Municipal ordinances, through education, information and enforcement. We need your help to accomplish that goal. Please see the back of this notice for additional information regarding snow removal.

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GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE SNOW REMOVAL OPERATORS

1. When plowing driveways, the snow must be pushed from the driveway onto private property. Snow **shall not** be taken from driveways, alleys or sidewalks and pushed in or across the street or stored at the intersection of the street and driveway, according to Anchorage Municipal Code 24.80.090 (see Figure 2). For driveways off of a cul-de-sac, snow **shall not** be placed in the middle of the cul-de-sac (see Figure 1). If configuration of the driveway will not allow for snow to be pushed onto private property, it must be either blown or placed onto private property.
2. All snow plow vehicles shall have a flashing amber beacon turned on when plowing snow.
3. All other vehicles and pedestrian traffic have the right-of-way over private snow plowing operations.
4. All private snow plow operators should be licensed and bonded for their own protection.
5. For information call Street Maintenance at 343-8277.

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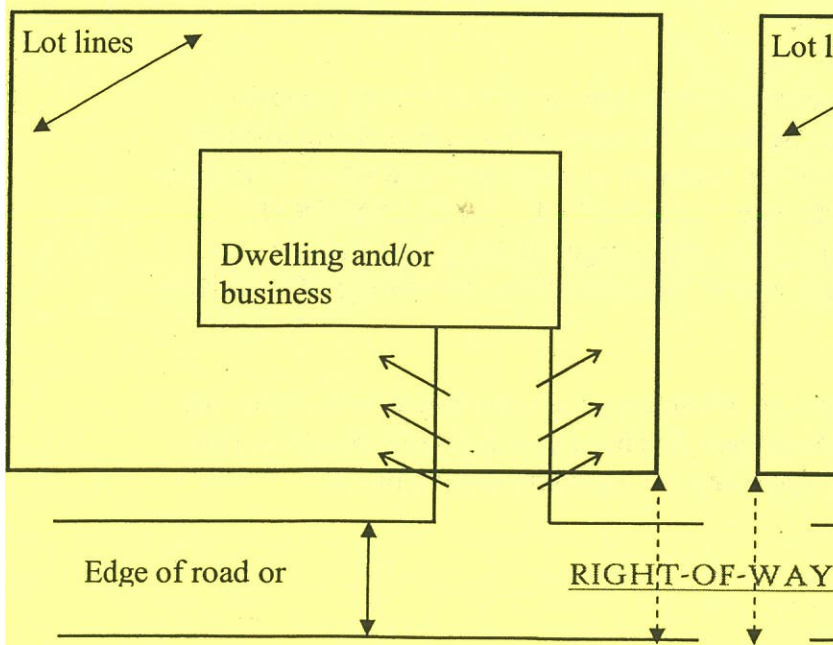


FIGURE 1

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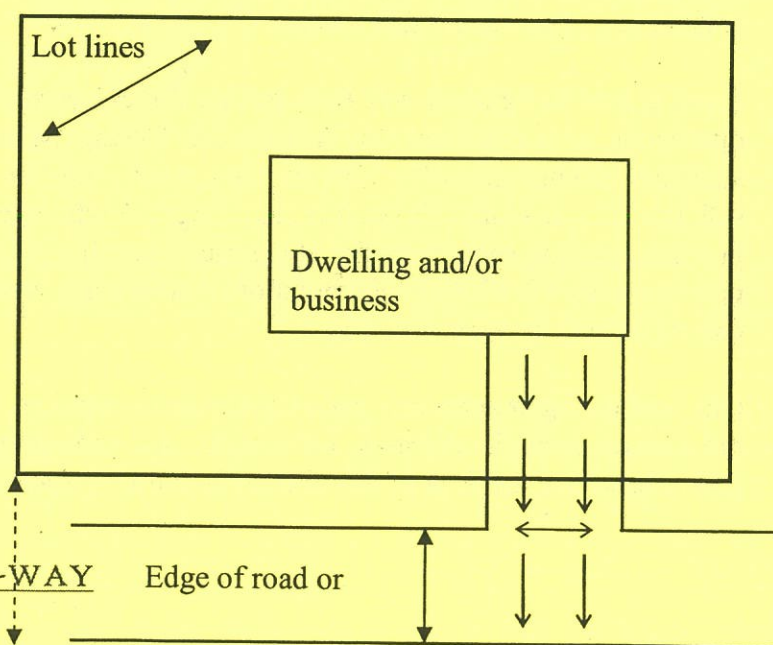


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