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CITY OF GARY REMINDS CITIZENS OF CITY'S SNOW PLAN CITY TOWING POLICY IN EFFECT

City's "Snow-Related Issues" Call Center Open this Weekend-881-1311

Gary, Indiana-As weather reports predict winter storm conditions and heavy snow for this weekend, city of Gary officials remind citizens of the city's snow plan and recommended precautions during snow events. It is predicted that Northwest Indiana cities will experience three-seven (3-7) inches of snow with wind gusts up to 35 miles per hour beginning Friday night through Saturday. The city of Gary's snow team will be out in full force. **The city's "Snow-Related Issues" Call Center will be open 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (January 19,20). For all snow related issues this weekend, please dial 881-1311.**

Residents are reminded that the city's snow team plows snow according to a "snow removal" action plan. The plan is designed to be the most effective in covering the greatest number of roadways and as efficiently as possible. **Important note: The snow team begins plowing snow at the end of the snowfall.** During snow events, city trucks are dispatched to main thoroughfares and primary roadways when there is one (1") inch or more of snow accumulation. Primary roadways are those leading to hospitals and adjacent to schools. Primary roadways are considered main arterial or higher traffic roadways; including hills and bridges.

Secondary roadways are plowed after main thoroughfares. Secondary roadways include those in neighborhoods where workers will plow once, down the middle of residential streets to prevent deep ice rutting and to keep the streets passable. Secondary roadways are consistently travelled streets and those that feed into Primary roadways. Residents are reminded that it could take up to 48 hours for side street snow removal when there is heavy accumulation. Alleys conditions will be evaluated last, during heavier snow accumulations. For snowfall events of six

(6") inches or more, contractors will be utilized to assist snow plowing and in maintaining mobility in the city.

Residents are also reminded that parking is prohibited on snow routes; main thoroughfares when snowfall TWO (2) OR MORE INCHES. The City's towing policy will be strictly enforced. Residents are urged not to park on snow routes. Vehicles parked on snow routes will be towed at the owner's expense. Residents are asked to help the city by being familiar with the snow action plan and by adhering to parking restrictions on city streets. Residents are also asked to shovel sidewalks, driveways and access routes in front of residences.

More Important Information

Weather related emergencies such as power outages should be reported to NIPSCO in the following manners; call 1-800-464-7726, online at NIPSCO.com, via Mobile: m.nipsco.com or Text "Out" to 444111. For Power outages, residents may also use the City of Gary's 311 system by dialing 219-881-1311.

Residents are reminded to report any cases of persons living in homes without utilities to City Hall to (219) 881-1302 or via email at mocs@ci.gary.in.us. Residents may also visit the city's website at www.garyin.us. "Click" on 311 to report the situation.

Non-emergencies should be reported to Police Dispatch at 219-660-0000. **Medical emergencies or conditions should be called in to 911.**

Gary Warming Centers

In case of inclement weather, the city's warming centers will be available for Gary residents. Warming Centers include Gary City Hall, the Calumet Township Center, Brothers' Keeper, Oak Street Health and Gary Public Transportation. (See list attached). After hours, call the Gary Police Department main desk at 219-881-1214. Gary Fire Stations are additionally available for temporary relief, 24 hours per day.

For more information regarding snow removal, call Gary Public Works at 219-881-1310.