



## City of Ketchum

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### **City Council Regulates Dumping Snow in Streets, Right-of-Way** *Snow Storage Hampers Emergency Vehicle Access*

KETCHUM, Idaho —In order to keep streets wide enough for emergency vehicles, the City Council voted today to stop individuals from dumping snow in the public right-of-way.

“As good as the skiing brought by the recent snowfall has been for the economy, safety is an overriding concern,” said City Administrator Suzanne Frick. “Unfortunately, some private citizens and landscaping companies are plowing driveways and dumping the snow in the right-of-way. The additional snow is making some streets too narrow for emergency vehicles to maneuver easily.

In order for the city to widen the streets and eliminate line-of-sight hazards, the city must clear the streets of snow and haul it to the snow storage site off Serenade Lane. Widening the streets will cost the city approximately \$30,000 for one pass through town.

Under the ordinance passed tonight, only snow and ice removed from sidewalks may be deposited in the city right-of-way but not within three feet of a fire hydrant or fire lane. City crews will clear the right of way as they remove snow from streets. Private snow, snow plowed from driveways and walkways, should be stored elsewhere on the property or hauled away, Frick said.

The city will embark on an education and notification process to alert the community of the new requirement. With the cooperation of property owners and landscape companies, city costs for snow removal can be reduced.

For questions, please contact [participate@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:participate@ketchumidaho.org).

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#### **About the City of Ketchum**

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org).

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