



City of Ketchum
Public Works

We are all excited about the amount of snowfall this year, but with the heavy snowfall, there are challenges with snow removal and storage. Snow storage and removal practices by property owners and companies are causing public safety hazards. Roadways are becoming too narrow for emergency vehicle access and snow piles are impairing lines-of-sight for drivers at intersections and corners. In order to address the hazards, the city has enacted new requirements for snow removal and storage. This letter is to inform you of the new regulations, which may require a change in the snow removal arrangements you may currently have.

The city has an obligation to the public to keep roadways clear for emergency vehicles and ensure safe driving conditions. When snow is removed from private properties and placed in the right-of-way, the amount of space that the city has in the right-of-way to store snow from roadways is significantly reduced. When this occurs, the city must take action to remove the snow. This costs a significant amount of money, upwards of \$30,000 each time the city must widen and clear the streets.

On Jan. 4, 2016 Ketchum City Council passed Ordinance Number 1146. In summary, the ordinance prohibits the storage of snow or ice from private properties within public rights-of-way in the city of Ketchum. A copy of the ordinance can be found on the city's website at ketchumidaho.org/snow.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,