

RESOLUTION NO. 1265

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH SNOW AND ICE  
CONTROL POLICY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa adopted Resolution 707 on February 22, 2005 establishing the City's Snow and Ice Control Policy; and

WHEREAS, this policy stated that snow plows and spreaders will not normally be in operation between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the section entitled "Limitation of Service" stated that the public works department would forego sanding and salting roads that are slick due to frost and roads that are slick due to freezing rain that occurs outside the City's usual working hours; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned time restriction and limitations to service have resulted in a level of service that is less than desirable; and

WHEREAS, for the public safety of residents who drive between 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., during or after freezing rain or at any other time where snow and ice may be present, the City Council would like to improve the level of service concerning snow and ice control.

NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Resolved by the Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. Delete subsections 1, 2, 3 and 5 in the section entitled "Sequence of Service" and replace it with the following:

1. Initial efforts will be to maintain a road surface with minimal coverage of snow. These efforts will begin when conditions on the roadway are such that hazardous driving conditions will soon exist. Initial efforts may involve plowing, sanding or brine application depending on what is warranted for each weather event.
2. The snow plows and spreaders will be called to service by the Public Works Director at any hour of the day. The decision of timing to begin

removal efforts will be made based on the amount of snow, ice and wind being forecast for the weather event. All efforts will be made to maintain minimally covered roads to allow for passage of motor vehicles at all times.

3. Snow plows may be called off the road if visibility, duration of time spent working, or other unforeseen conditions exist that would provide for a hazardous working environment.

5. After roads have been plowed, as provided in this section, intersections, hills and curves may, but not necessarily, have placed on them, salt, sand or other abrasives.

Section 2. Delete the section entitled "Limitation of Service" in its entirety.

Passed and approved this 2nd day of February, 2015.

  
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Mark Worrell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk