

Midway City Council
5 February 2019
Regular Meeting

Ordinance 2019-04 /
Snow Removal and Fire Hydrants



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: February 5, 2019
NAME OF APPLICANT: Midway City
AGENDA ITEM: Code Text Amendment of Title 8

ITEM: 7

Midway City is proposing a Code Text Amendment of Midway City's Municipal Code of Title 8.05.090 Removal Near Mailbox Receptacle and Fire Hydrant. The City would like to adopt restrictions that would govern the height and other items of distribution and transmission lines built in the City.

BACKGROUND:

Staff is proposing adding some language to the current snow removal ordinance found in Title 8 concerning streets and sidewalks. The current ordinance requires that property owners remove the snow from sidewalks and mailboxes surrounding their property. Staff is proposing that fire hydrants also be added to the list. It is very important that that Wasatch County Fire District personnel can locate the fire hydrants if there is an emergency. Staff is proposing the property owners that are served by the fire hydrants take on that responsibility. The current code states the following:

Section 8.05.080 Sidewalks to Be Cleared

It shall be the duty of a property owner to clear the sidewalks at the perimeter of his or her property within twelve hours from the end of each snow storm.

Section 8.05.090 Snow Removal Near Mailbox Receptacle

It shall be the duty of every property owner to monitor, uncover and remove accumulated snow and windrows of snow from over and around the owner's mailbox. The mailbox area shall be uncovered for a distance of not less than three feet on all sides.

Staff is proposing the following language (text in red is proposed language):

Section 8.05.090 Snow Removal Near Mailbox Receptacle and Fire Hydrant

It shall be the duty of every property owner to monitor, uncover and remove accumulated snow and windrows of snow from over and around the owner's mailbox and fire hydrant. The mailbox and fire hydrant area shall be uncovered for a minimum distance of not-less than three feet on all sides. Snow removal must occur within twelve hours from the end of each snow storm.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

1. Approval. This action can be taken if the City Council feels that the proposed language is an acceptable amendment to the City's Municipal Code.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings

2. Continuance. This action can be taken if the City Council would like to continue exploring potential options for the amendment.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings
 - c. Reasons for continuance
 - i. Unresolved issues that must be addressed
 - d. Date when the item will be heard again

3. Denial. This action can be taken if the City Council feels that the proposed amendment is not an acceptable revision to the City's Municipal Code.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings
 - c. Reasons for denial