

Gilchrist Owners Association

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## Snow Removal Notice 2020-2021

## To All Gilchrist Homeowners:

All property owners are required to make sure their tenants or property managers are aware of this notice.

The GOA Board of Directors is again implementing our plan to solve the problem of owners and/or renters parking their vehicles on the roadways during the snowy months. Our plan is in its third year, with success last year. The roadways become narrower and the snow plow operators have difficulty moving the snow when just a few people refuse to move their vehicles. The narrowing roadways are more dangerous due to restricted access, especially access by emergency vehicles.

The Board put up <u>no parking signs</u> for Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a significant area off the edge of the pavement on each side of our roads that is common ground where snow can be pushed. A violator is any owner or renter who leaves their vehicle on the roadway or immediately adjacent to the roadway (within 15 feet of pavement) that impedes the removal of the snow and causes an obstruction. Violator vehicles will be notified by a bright warning sign. Those who refuse to remove their vehicles will be towed and impounded at the owner's expense.

Vehicles should be parked in your driveway. It's very important that vehicles are not parked on the streets (on common ground). The Board would like to thank those owners and renters who regularly move their vehicles when they see the plows coming so that the roadways are properly plowed.

If you, the owner, hire someone to remove snow from your driveway, that person needs to understand that all damages or injuries caused by his/her removal efforts is theirs and the property owner's responsibility. Snow that is plowed from your property (either by yourself or by someone other than the town removal crew) is **NOT to be** placed, pushed, dumped or otherwise left where it could impact common ground roadways or other private property. Keep your snow on your property.

The snow crew is not responsible for damages done to vehicles parked on the road. Buildings, landscaping, or vehicles on common grounds that receive damage by the snow removal crew will be your responsibility to repair as the owner of the property. The owner will be responsible for any damage to equipment, resources or injuries incurred as a result of obstacles buried in the snow that are in the way.

Snow stakes must be placed on your property <u>prior</u> to snow fall to warn snow plows of any obstacles in your yard. Snow Stakes should be 6 foot, brightly colored, and reflective. Putting a flag or ribbon on the top is advisable.

Alleys and driveways are private property and as such will not be plowed by the snow removal crew.

Respectfully,

Gilchrist Owners Association Board of Directors

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