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FRISCO ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE TO OPTIMIZE SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

Overnight parking restrictions on Town Right-of-Way

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Frisco, Colo., December 6, 2023– The Town of Frisco is asking for assistance from residents, businesses, and visitors to create optimal conditions for safely and thoroughly removing snow from Town streets, alleys, and sidewalks, as well as supporting year-round maintenance of Town streets. As the winter season kicks off, the Town is launching an educational and enforcement campaign to clear public streets, alleys, and other right-of-way of vehicles, dumpsters, and additional equipment that are parked overnight or being stored in the right-of-way. This campaign is particularly focused on the increase of vehicles that are parked on Town right-of-way just off the pavement in alleys, specifically in the downtown core in the Galena and Granite Alleys.

If vehicles are parked overnight on Town streets, in alleys, on Town right-of-way, or in Town parking lots not designated for overnight parking, then they could face ticketing and towing. Town right-of-way is the full property width owned by the Town and usually extends at least 10 feet beyond the edge of pavement. To better support snow clearing and maintenance operations, the Town is also taking the additional step of partnering with Interstate Parking to assist with the enforcement of overnight parking regulations on Main Street and the Galena and Granite Street alleys this winter.

[Snow Storage Prohibited on Town Sidewalks, Streets, or Right-of-Way](#)

The Town also wants to remind residents, businesses, and snow removal contractors that they may not move snow from private property onto sidewalks, streets, or other town right-of-way. This happened frequently during the most recent storm cycle, and in several instances, blocked sidewalks and other areas that had already been cleared of snow by Frisco Public Works staff. This practice can result in up to \$200 fines, and the Town implores residents, businesses, and contractors to be especially vigilant about only storing snow on their private property.

The Challenge and the Solution

The alleys between Galena and Granite Streets have become particularly challenging for snow removal operations over the past several years, as vehicles are regularly parked overnight in the Granite and Galena Alleys and on Town right-of-way. Town plows are often unable to plow in these areas or utilize the approximately 10-20 feet of Town property (right-of-way) next to paved alleys to store snow.

Right-of-way throughout the Town was established many years ago to accommodate snow removal operations and allow other year-round maintenance and operations that benefit the public. The Town is stepping up education and enforcement of these year-round overnight parking regulations so that Frisco Public Works staff can complete crucial snow removal operations to keep Frisco's streets, alleys, and sidewalks passable and safe.

"Our heavy equipment operators struggle to clear alleys and streets if vehicles or other obstructions, such as dumpsters, are on our streets, in our alleys, or just off the alleys or streets on Town property. That's why we are taking this first step to educate through outreach like this and postcards and warnings on vehicles. We want to avoid issuing parking tickets or towing so we are urging everyone to pay attention to these communications and to take responsibility for understanding if you are obstructing snow removal or other maintenance operations because you are parked illegally or storing snow from your property on Town right-of-way," stated Town Engineer Chris McGinnis.

Overnight Parking Restrictions

The Town of Frisco has overnight parking restrictions to allow for snow removal and year-round maintenance.

- Parking restrictions in the core of Town; around Main Street, Galena Alley, and Granite Alley ; and the adjacent avenues prohibit parking from 2:00 am to 6:00 am on Town property, which includes the streets and alleys and 10-20 feet of Town property/right-of-way beyond the paved area.
- In other areas of Town, overnight parking is prohibited from midnight to 6:00 am.

Overnight parking is allowed for 24 hours maximum in designated parking lots. Currently, two lots are available for 24-hour maximum overnight parking:

- Marina/Summit Lot- dirt lot on the corner of Summit Boulevard and Marina Road
- West Main Street "Kayak" Parking Lot on the west end of Frisco Main Street next to I70 Exit 201

To report an abandoned or illegally parked vehicle, please call Summit County non-emergency dispatch at 970-668-8600.

[What is a Right-of-Way and How Does it Benefit the Public?](#)

In Frisco, the term right-of-way refers to property owned by the Town and used in the public interest, and it is typically a roadway, alley, and the property adjacent to roadways and alleys. The Town maintains authority over this publicly owned property and determines how and when it may be used by members of the public and public or private entities. Also, the Town very regularly uses this right-of-way to aid in snow removal and storage during the six plus months of winter weather.

When thinking about right-of-way in Frisco, picture the public roadway, plus a portion of space adjacent to the portion of the roadway that you drive on and be reminded that the right-of-way is not limited to the paved or concrete portion of the roadway. Where the sidewalk is directly adjacent to the curb, the right-of-way often extends many feet beyond the sidewalk. In various parts of Frisco, the right-of-way extends into areas that are frequently assumed to be private property. The actual width of the right-of-way owned by the Town at a specific location is variable throughout Town. Yet, it is safe to assume that at least 10 feet of the land beyond a paved roadway is Town right-of-way where vehicles should not be parked overnight and where dumpsters or permanent and semi-permanent structures may not be placed. In Frisco, the paved portion of a road is generally 24 – 40 feet, while the right-of-way is often 80 feet wide. [Summit County's GIS](#) page is a valuable resource for researching the approximate right-of-way boundaries throughout Frisco.

[More Info](#)

For more information about parking in the Town of Frisco, visit [ParkSmartFrisco.com](#). If you are unsure about where the right-of-way ends on a specific property, please email Calle McCartney at CalleM@townoffrisco.com to set up a site visit with Public Works Streets staff to determine right-of-way.

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