

CITY OF CHENEY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES DIRECTIVE

Subject: Traction Control and Snow Plowing Policy

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It shall be the policy of the City of Cheney to implement cost effective procedures for the purpose of accommodating the transportation needs of motorists and pedestrians during periods of ice and/or snow accumulation on the city=s streets and on certain public parking lots. This shall be accomplished through the application of traction control materials when ice is on the roadway or by means of snow plowing upon accumulation of two inches or more of snow on the roadway.

I. Operations

The basis for determining the appropriate course of operation to be followed with respect to traction control and snow plowing shall be predicated upon the following conditions:

A. Zero to Two Inches of Snow: Traction control materials will be applied at intersections and steep grades when surface conditions warrant in order to reasonably start or stop vehicles. Traction control materials will be applied at intersections in the descending order from the most traveled arterial street intersections, arterial street/collector street intersections, steep grades and arterial street/residential street intersections. Traction control materials will not be applied during medium to heavy snowfall conditions.

B. Two to Six Inches of Snow: For the most part, snow plowing equipment will be dispatched after an accumulation of two to six inches, however, the Director of Public Works or the Director=s designee shall, at their discretion, dispatch snow plowing equipment as warranted by the snowfall conditions.

Snow plowing equipment shall consist of wheel loaders and motor graders. Reasonable attempts will be made to keep driveways clear of plowed snow. Traction control materials will be applied to intersections and steep grades after the streets have been plowed, and periodically thereafter if slick conditions warrant additional applications.

C. Six Inches or More of Snow: The snow plowing equipment to be dispatched will be wheel loaders, motor graders and trucks. No attempts will be made to keep driveways clear of plowed snow. Snow accumulations of six inches or more will be considered an emergency. Traction control materials will be applied after snow plowing and periodically thereafter if slick conditions warrant additional applications.

II. Management of Operations

A. Public Works= Responsibility: The Department of Public Works shall be responsible for assigning personnel, equipment and material as deemed necessary by the Director or the Director=s designee for the purpose of performing the traction control and snow plowing operations as stated herein.

B. Cooperation With Police and Fire: The Department of Public Works welcomes the input from both the Police and Fire Department with respect to the manner in which this policy is implemented and maintained. Additionally, if the officer or the fire fighter who is in charge during a shift occurring before or after regularly scheduled business hours, which for the purpose of this policy will be Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., determines that traction control and/or snow plowing operations must be undertaken immediately in order to mitigate a hazardous situation on the roadway, then said officer or fire fighter shall have the authority to directly contact the Public Works personnel designated for the purpose of traction control and/or snow removal.