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CITIZENS ASKED TO MONITOR SNOW CONDITIONS

Michigan City, IN --- Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Superintendent of Central Services Jim Elwell issued the following statement today:

“Weather predictions over the next several days include the possibility of major snow accumulations in our area,” Mayor Oberlie said.

“The city’s snow ordinance provides direction on parking bans during major snowfalls and in an effort to better manage snow removal this winter season, the city is issuing an Automatic Phase 1 Snow Removal Condition each time the weather service forecasts that the city will receive two (2) or more inches of new snow fall. This automatic Phase I Snow Removal Condition will prohibit parking on both sides of Snow Routes and prohibit parking on the north and west sides of all other streets. After the snow routes and the north and west sides of all other streets have been cleared of snow to the curb, the city will issue notice to the local media of a Phase 2 snow removal condition as needed.”

The official Phase 1 and Phase 2 Snow Removal Conditions are as follows:

- A Phase 1 Snow Removal Condition places a parking ban on both sides of all identified Snow Routes and on the north and west sides of all other remaining streets.
- A Phase 2 Snow Removal Condition places a parking ban on both sides of all identified Snow Routes and on the south and east sides of all other remaining streets.

By making the snow removal phases automatic, as described in the city’s snow emergency ordinance, the citizens will be asked to work with city officials to make the task of snow removal more productive and safer for the community.

The Mayor asks all citizens to monitor local media outlets for related weather developments and to take all necessary safety precautions as appropriate. The City will, based on cumulative snowfall, continue to advise the community through our local media of the transition between Phase I and Phase II and other special applications as warranted. This transition presents a challenge during the holidays as some people are away and left their vehicles parked on a street while many who are pre-occupied with other activities and fail to read or listen to the local media outlets. A friendly reminder from a neighbor to another can help our crews clear the streets and perhaps prevent a car from being towed.