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SNOW EMERGENCY

PARKING ALERT

Due to the storm expected to affect our area on February 8 and 9, 2015. The Garfield Police Department is asking all residents to park in your driveways or in our public facility parking lots (except Fire houses).

We are in need of your help to work together as neighbors and share driveways when possible! Vehicles that have been parked on streets without being cleared of snow will be subject to summons and tow for abandonment.

Recent snowfalls may be keeping people from parking at the curb lines, shrinking the width of the street. Parking vehicles too far from the curb make it difficult for large Emergency Vehicles and Snowplows from being able to make it up some of our streets. This new storm will start to cause some streets to become impassable without you taking action ahead of this storm. Please remember, our emergency vehicles and snowplows cannot always back up, so we are asking for steps to be taken by all residents. Residents who reside on streets with a bend should refrain from parking on the "curve" to allow for plows & fire trucks to get through!

The Garfield Police Department is asking for complete compliance in order to maintain public safety during and after, this storm. **Please remember that snow cannot be plowed or shoveled into the street and sidewalks must be shoveled. Large piles of plowed or shoveled snow cannot be placed in the roadway.** Public safety will be placed at risk and summonses will be issued to those who choose to violate any city ordinance.

Vehicles that cannot be parked in driveways must be parked against the curb. This may require you to dig some snow away from your car prior to this next storm to get your car against the curb.

Cars cannot be parked on any type of an angle and must be parked parallel to the curb. State law requires no more than 6 inches from the curb. There is no allowance for snow or ice conditions.

Any vehicle found parked improperly, will be a hazard to safety and will be ticketed and towed at your own expense by the Garfield Police Department with no exceptions during and after the storm. Every street must remain passable for Police, Fire, Ambulance and DPW vehicles.

Please remember people who live on streets that are narrow, streets with a curve, one way streets and dead ends, would be best served by using off street parking, never park at the end of a dead end street as plows will push the snow into that area. It will be a temporary inconvenience to you but it will result in optimal safety to your neighborhood. Your action can help save lives.

We also advise you to register for community message and emergency notifications on www.nixle.com. We also use twitter if you follow us @GarfieldPDOEM. You can also visit the City of Garfield website at www.garfieldnj.org for information on registering. Thank you

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