

## Street Parking

With winter fully upon us and a couple of snowstorms behind us, it's time to remind residents about the City of Fertile's rules as they pertain to parking and snow removal.

Parking on the street during times of snow removal is covered under Section 72.08 which says the following:

'72.08 Following a snowstorm no car shall be parked on any streets until the snow has been removed by city maintenance personnel.

Fertile's maintenance staff does their best to get the streets clear of snow as quickly as possible following a snow event, and it makes their job much more difficult when they have to work around parked cars. Quite often when cars are in the way and have to be plowed around, the area in and around the car will not get cleared for a day or two until maintenance staff are able to make it back to that area of town. The owners of those cars will also have a difficult time getting their cars moved once they are plowed in with snow.

Another problem is with cars that are parked on the street on a semi-permanent basis. If a vehicle sits on the street and has to be plowed around after more than one snow event, the street gets narrower in that location. Depending on where the car is located, this can also lead to drifting across the street when there are high winds, causing even more problems with getting the streets plowed. Long term street parking is also covered under City Code in Section 72.07 which says the following:

### ' 72.07 TIME-LIMITED PARKING

(A) *Streets.* No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand upon any street in the city for any continuous period in excess of 24 hours.

(B) *Alleys.* No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand whether attended or unattended in any alley in the city, except for loading and unloading, but in no event in excess of one hour.

(C) *Parking zones.* Time-limited parking zones shall be as provided in Chapter 74, Schedule I.

(D) *Trucks and the like.* No truck-tractor or semi-trailer shall park for longer than two hours on any public street, nor shall any truck-tractor or semi-trailer park within 200 feet of any residence between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. if the truck-tractor or semi-trailer is left running.

Currently there are a few cars in town that have been parked in the same location for at least a week, and some for longer than a month. Letters have been sent to some of those vehicle owners asking that the cars be moved as soon as possible. If you have a vehicle that is parked on the street and has been there for longer than a day or two, please get it moved as soon as possible

and make other arrangements for long term parking.

For those residents that live along Highway 32, the State Highway Department keeps that street clean, and since it's frequently plowed during the early morning hours, the State plow operators would also appreciate it if no vehicles are parked on Highway 32 overnight.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa at the City Office at 945-3136.