

Subject: City Facilities Opening Delayed/Snow Route Alert Contact: Communications & Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler – 509-901-1142 Release Date: Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## City of Yakima Snow Route Alert in Effect

Due to considerable snowfall and hazardous road conditions, **a Snow Route Alert has been issued by the City of Yakima.** This Snow Route Alert will remain in effect until further notice.

A key part of the Snow Route Alert protocol is to let drivers know they need to move their vehicles from designated snow routes. The City is requiring drivers to remove their vehicles from snow routes as soon as possible. City street crews began plowing major roadways overnight and will continue to do so throughout today.

The snow routes are primarily centered in the downtown core. Cars can be moved from snow routes to any street not posted as a snow route or to any City public parking lot.

This Snow Route Alert is being issued as part of a series of steps being taken by the City of Yakima to more efficiently and effectively get streets cleared of snow as quickly as possible, particularly streets in the downtown core.

Vehicles that are not removed from designated snow routes can be towed and their owners fined up to \$50 per violation.

To see a map of Yakima snow routes, along with the rest of the priority plowing routes throughout the city, click on the following link - <u>http://www.yakimawa.gov/apps/snow-routes/</u>.

The City of Yakima website - <u>City of Yakima | The Heart of Central Washington (yakimawa.gov)</u> – also has <u>winter weather resources</u> and <u>snow removal information</u>

Updates about the Snow Route Alert will be provided on the City's various communications platforms such as social media.