



### **Street Parking Changes in Marshfield**

On March 12, 2013, The Marshfield Common Council agreed to proposed changes to municipal code 8-79(1) related to parking on city streets. Much of the code remains the same but there are significant changes that citizens and visitors should be made aware of. These changes have no effect when: A snow emergency has been declared, or on any streets that bear parking restriction signs.

### **What do these changes mean to you?**

During the winter months, (November through April) daytime parking will be allowed on an odd-even monthly basis for unimproved or ditched streets. During an odd numbered month, we ask you to park on the odd (north and east) address side of the street. Conversely, on an even month, even (south and west) side of the street. Day time parking is allowed on both sides of improved or curbed streets and the bulb portions of cul du sacs. There is no overnight parking allowed during the winter months on any city streets without expressed permission of the on duty police department shift commander and only in case of an emergency. Overnight parking is defined as the hours between 2:30a.m. and 6:00a.m.

During the summer months, (May through October) citizens of Marshfield and visitors are allowed to park on an odd-even monthly basis for both day and night time parking on unimproved or ditched streets. This is the most significant change to the code and allows parking on city streets overnight that had never been previously permitted. With frequent visitors during the summer months and less than adequate parking, this has always been an issue and the source of concern for many of our citizens. Day and nighttime parking is allowed on both sides of improved streets and the bulb portion of cul du sacs. Unattached accessories such as trailers and boats are not allowed to be parked on any city streets overnight. When attached to a motor vehicle, they will be limited to a forty-eight hour time period.

### **Why the odd-even parking restriction on unimproved or ditched streets both day and night?**

- 1) Efficiency for snow removal and deicing.
- 2) To allow access to large emergency vehicles (ambulance and fire apparatus).
- 3) Cleaning of streets.

### **What happens until the public becomes accustomed to the law changes?**

The police department and its officers will be doing everything they can to provide information and education to the public during the next sixty day time period. Courtesy warnings will be issued to those in violation of the code changes. Remember, the odd-even parking restriction starts immediately and is in effect during daytime hours on ditched streets. Chief Jepsen has participated in an Insight program on WDLB which was aired on March 18, 2013 and this program will be broadcast again in the future. Watch for a Plain Talk Article, to be published as a public service in the Marshfield News Herald and on the City of Marshfield web site. Signs are being designed and will be placed at entry points to the city on each state and county highway. Finally, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the chief or any member of the police department for clarification at (715) 384-3113.

Please familiarize yourself with the following parking regulation changes.

Courtesy warnings will be given for changes in the parking laws until May 31, 2013. Beginning June 1, 2013 parking citations will be issued.

Thank you,

Chief Gary A Jepsen

**SUMMER (May through October)  
STREETS**

<b>Ditched/Unimproved</b>	<b>Curbed/Improved</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Night</b>
May July September – Odd (North/East)	Both sides/Bulbs	Yes	Yes
June August October – Even (South/West)	Both sides/Bulbs	Yes	Yes

\*\*\*\*\* Unattached accessories such as trailers and boats are not allowed to be parked on any city streets overnight (0230-0600). When attached to a motor vehicle they will be limited to a 48 hour time period. \*\*\*\*\*

**WINTER (November through April)  
STREETS**

<b>Ditched/Unimproved</b>	<b>Curbed/Improved</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Night</b>
November January March – Odd (North/East)	Both sides/Bulbs	Yes	No
December February April – Even (South/West)	Both sides/Bulbs	Yes	No

\*\*\*\*\* No overnight (02300-0600) parking allowed on any city streets unless an emergency and permission is granted by an on duty shift commander. \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* No parking on any city street at any time during SNOW EMERGENCY \*\*\*\*\*