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## CHICAGO'S WINTER OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN GOES INTO EFFECT DECEMBER 1 Restrictions Help Ensure City Crews Can Plow Vital Streets During Snow Storms

CHICAGO – The Department of Streets and Sanitation reminds motorists that the Chicago winter overnight parking ban goes into effect on Thursday, December 1, 2016, and runs through April 1, 2017. The parking ban will be enforced during the hours of 3 a.m. to 7 a.m., and impacts 107 miles of critical main streets throughout the city.

"During a snow storm it is critical that crews are able to plow and salt Chicago's main streets. This helps us restore the city to normal as quickly as possible, and ensures that motorists can access streets so that they can go about their daily routines," said Commissioner Charles L. Williams. "Residents can assist us in this effort by checking signs and following posted restrictions."

As an additional reminder to motorists, crews from Streets and Sanitation have been posting flyers on cars parked on restricted streets during the overnight hours.

Cars parked in violation of the overnight ban prevent critical routes from being fully plowed and salted when it snows. During a snowfall, a build-up of snow next to parked vehicles on these routes impedes traffic flow.

Violators will face a minimum \$150 towing fee, a \$60 ticket and a storage fee of \$20 per day. Vehicles in violation of the ban will be towed to Pounds 2 (10301 S. Doty Ave) or 6 (701 N. Sacramento).

For more information on the overnight parking ban and a map of streets impacted by the ban, visit www.cityofchicago.org/dss.