



# Senior Resident Application Snow Removal Service 2020-21

## You Must Qualify for this Service Under Codified Ordinance 959.01

(Basic Snow Removal Service Available for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons, and Deployed Active Military Persons.)

**Due to COVID-19, all applications must be mailed in or dropped off in the mailbox located at the Recreation Department between the hours of 8 AM & 8 PM, M-F ONLY! \*\* If applicable, documentation must be included with your application for it to be processed.**

Resident's Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Occupants (residing in same household):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Eligibility & Fees - Check (✓) ALL statements that apply:

- All persons at this residence are 60 years of age or older. **Non-Refundable Fee: \$25.00 per season.**
- The resident(s) under age 60 residing at this home is/are unable to assist due to permanent disability (notice of Social Security or Veteran's Administration Permanent Disability Statement attached). **Non-Refundable Fee: \$25.00 per season.**
- The resident homeowner is on Active Military Duty for a branch of the U.S. Armed Services for at least fifteen (15) consecutive days during the snow season (statement of verification attached). **Non-Refundable Fee: \$25.00 during active duty.**
- The resident(s) residing at this home is/are on HEAP. **Non-Refundable Fee: \$15.00 per season (proof required).**

**Please sign below acknowledging you have received, read, and agree to the terms and conditions of the Snow Removal Service:**

Resident's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Return Snow Removal Application and payment to: (Make checks payable to "City of Independence")

City of Independence  
Attn: Community Services Dept.  
6363 Selig Drive  
Independence, OH 44131-4926

I prefer to pay by credit card. Please call me when my application is received to pay by phone.

### Consent to Enter Upon Property For Snow Removal & Release of All Claims Against the City of Independence Possibly Arising Therefrom

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (RESIDENT), having submitted an application for Snow Removal to the City of Independence, Ohio ("City"), for the City to provide me with certain snow removal services, grant permission to the City, and its officials, employees, agents, and assigns, to come upon my property for the purpose of removing snow. In consideration of the City providing snow removal services, the undersigned does hereby expressly release, waive, and discharge the City of Independence, its officials, employees, agents, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, costs, demands, losses, damages, injury, illness, accident, dismemberment, or death resulting from the acts of active or passive negligence on the part of the City, its officials, employees, agents, and assigns relative to this program.

I, the undersigned, having read and understood the foregoing, have executed this consent and release on the day and year appearing after my signature below. I also certify that the above checked statements are true and correct.

Resident's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **IF RENTING, Signature of Homeowner Required:**

Homeowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeowner Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please see back of application for guidelines

## Eligibility & Fees:

- **All residents living in the home must certify that they are at least 60 years of age or older** to qualify for this service. Proof of age and residency may be required.
- **Disabled persons under age 60 must provide documentation annually** to verify they are disabled due to a physical or mental impairment, and certify that they do not live with an individual capable of snow removal. For permanent disabilities, a notice of **Social Security** or **Veteran's Administration Disability Statement** must be provided to the City and remain on file.
- **Deployed Active Military Personnel:** The resident homeowner living in the home is on active military duty and deployed for any branch of the United States Armed Services for a period of fifteen consecutive days or more during the snow removal season.
- **Residents on HEAP** must **provide proof annually** to receive a discounted rate.

## Application Process:

- Snow Removal Applications are available online at [www.IndependenceOhio.org](http://www.IndependenceOhio.org). You may request to have one mailed to your home. **Applications are required annually.**
- If applicant lives in a rental property, the property owner must also sign the application.
- Registration begins **Tuesday, September 1st, 2020**. Please allow three (3) business days after the application is received to be added to the Snow Removal List.
- Any applications received after **Friday, October 30th, 2020** will have a delay of seven (7) business days OR until the next snow fall to be added to the Snow Removal List.
- For questions regarding the application process, please contact the **Community Services Department at 216-524-7373**.

**\*\* If you apply and pay for Senior Snow Removal Service and do not end up qualifying, your fee will be refunded in full.**

## General Information & Service Provided:

- Senior Snow Removal Service is offered in accordance with **Codified Ordinance 959.01**.
- Snow removal consists of a standard size (8 ft.) snowplow making two (2) passes on the resident's primary driveway **for the purpose of emergency entrance and exit.**
- This service is for snowplowing of one (1) driveway at the residence. For turnaround and horseshoe driveways, only the driveway area closest to the garage will be plowed.
  - **Should you need your driveway plowed regularly, please consider hiring a private contractor in between the Senior Snowplow contracting service.**
- Prior to December 1st of the snow season, **contractors shall mark and maintain** all driveway entrances at contractor's sole expense by using wooden stakes. Contractors are also responsible for the removal of the markers at the conclusion of the snow plowing season, or by May 15th at the latest.
- Service is activated when snow accumulates **four (4) inches or more AND** all streets have been plowed. This is determined at the Service Directors discretion.
- Once the contractors are notified, they have **sixteen (16) hours** to complete their scheduled routes.
- Street addresses must be clearly displayed on the residence and visible from the street. All limbs, branches, and bushes hanging over the driveway must be trimmed back before service will be administered.
- After the snow season, the homeowner is responsible for repairing minor lawn damage caused by the plow. If lawn damage is excessive, please contact the **Service Department at 216-524-9191**.
- Ordinance 660.05 prohibits moving snow across a public street to deposit onto another homeowner's private property.

## Contractor Information:

- **There is no set time when the contractor will arrive.** Immediate response to homeowner requests cannot be accommodated. If snow plowing is needed at a specific time, the homeowner should obtain an additional or alternate contractor since the purpose of this service is **emergency** entrance and exit.
- **Contractors will only plow once each snowfall.** They will not return to clear drifts after snow has been plowed.
- Contractors will only plow up to and not next to vehicles (the best that they can) in the driveway, and only up to two (2) feet in front of garage doors. **They will not wait for vehicles to be moved.**
- **It is recommended that garage doors remain closed when the contractor is plowing.** Contractors are not responsible for plowing snow out from inside of a garage if it is left open.
- Contractors are not responsible for and will not remove ice build-up, compacted snow, or snow piles that have accumulated throughout the season. **They will not hand shovel or salt any area on the property.**