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PRESS RELEASE

Parking citation fine increase

Reminder of snow removal and snowmobile ordinance

At the December, 2016 New Richmond City Council meeting the common council voted to increase the parking citation fine from the current \$10 fine for general parking violations and \$50 for handicap violations to \$20 for general parking violation leaving the handicap violation un-changed at \$50.

The New Richmond Police Department would like to inform all citizens of the increase which will go into effect February 1st, 2017 at midnight.

Previously, if you were issued a citation you had five days to pay the citation or the fee would go up. With the new fine structure violators will have up to ten days to pay the citation. If the fine is not paid within that 10 day period the fine will then go up to \$40. If the fine is not paid within 7 days after that the fine will go up to \$60.00. If the fine is not paid within 7 days after that the fine amount goes up to \$100.00 and the vehicles registration is suspended.

Overnight winter parking restriction makes up a high percentage of the parking violations every year. The New Richmond Police Department would like to remind citizens and their guests that overnight winter parking is enforced from November 1st to April 1st of each year. Citizens are reminded that you should park on the odd side of the streets on odd number days and even side of the streets on the even numbered days. The day consists of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. each day. Most of the confusion stems from people coming home after midnight and parking on the wrong side of the street.

Check out the City of New Richmond website and look up ordinance number 70-8 for further information.

With the temperature and snow falling in New Richmond, the City staff would like to remind citizens that snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of the cessation of

the snow. Also covered under ordinance 82-100 is that you must not deposit snow into the street as this could be considered a nuisance for others.

Lastly with the snowmobile trails beginning to open, the New Richmond Police Department would like to remind all operators of snowmobiles to be aware of ordinances 82-174 through 82-183 which govern snowmobile use within the city limits. Please read the ordinance carefully, as each year we receive a lot of complaints about snowmobiles being operated on city streets, through city owned property and private property when operators do not have permission. The city ordinances adopt state statues on snowmobiles such as registration, age restrictions and other state laws. The City ordinances limits snowmobile operation within the city to designated snowmobile trails and private property with consent of the owner. Riding on streets, highways, sidewalks, boulevards, parks, municipal property and privately owned property without the owner's consent are illegal and subject to citation.

Have a safe winter!

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