

## CITY of SULLY ALLEY POLICY

December 10, 2018

### WHAT IS AN ALLEY?

An alley is a public thoroughfare other than a dedicated street, which is a minimum of fifteen (15) feet wide in a residential block and a minimum of twenty (20) feet wide in commercial block, upon which the rear and/or side of land or building lots generally abut, and which affords a secondary means of access to the land, buildings, or lots.

### WHERE IS THE ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY?

The alley right-of-way is the area just outside the rear and/or side property line. The alley right-of-way extends from that point to the centerline of the alley. The alley right-of-way is a public easement, and is not private property.

### WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT TO MAINTAIN THE ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY BEHIND MY HOUSE OR BUSINESS?

- The property owner is responsible for maintaining the alley right-of-way area adjacent to their house or business. This includes keeping grass and weeds mowed, litter and junk picked up, and trimming all trees, bushes, vegetation and shrubs back away from the alley right-of-way.
  - The city will mail a corrective notice to adjacent property owners of non-compliant alleys stating the uncompliant items and the time frame to become compliant. Failure to comply will be considered a nuisance. If stated nuisance is not abated within stated time frame, city expenses incurred to abate said nuisance under direction of the Public Works Director will be charged against the property owner.
- The city will provide the following maintenance to the alley. This will include
  - Grading the alley to provide positive drainage where possible at the discretion of the Public Works Director.
  - Providing 1.5" road stone rock to fill potholes at the discretion of the Public Works Director.
  - Providing 1.5" road stone rock at street entrances to and exits from the alley at the discretion of the Public Works Director.
  - Maintenance requests must be submitted to the Sully City Clerk. Scheduling requests will be at the discretion of the Public Works Director.
- If rock covering is desired, it will be the responsibility of the adjacent property owners of the alley to define and agree upon the length of alley to be covered. Adjacent property owners will be responsible for the cost of the 1.5" road stone rock and trucking. The charge will be \$4.00 per ton over the current price for 1.5" road stone rock.

### CITY ORDINANCES REQUIRE THAT:

- Trees, bushes, vegetation, and shrubs be trimmed back away from the alley and to a height of at least 15' above the alley for vehicle clearance;
- There must be a minimum of a 15' wide roadway kept open for free movement up and down the alley;
- Weeds, tall grass and noxious vegetation must be mowed;
- Junk and litter cannot accumulate in the alley right-of-way;
- No burning of trash, leaves, rubbish, or other combustible material is allowed in the alley;
- Alley speed limit is 10 mph.

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### WHAT CAN I STORE IN THE ALLEY?

- The alley right-of-way is a public easement and no personal property can be stored there.
- Trailers, travel trailers, fifth wheel travel trailers, and motor homes in an alley in excess of twenty-four (24) hrs.
- A vehicle cannot be left unattended or parked for a period longer than one (1) hr. between the hours of 6pm – 6am.

### WHAT BUILDING AND PLANTING REQUIREMENTS ARE THERE FOR AN ALLEY?

- Mailboxes can be no closer than ten (10) ft. from an alley entrance or exit.
- Fences shall not be erected within two (2) ft of the alley property line without council approval.
- Trees, shrubs, hedges, landscaping and decorative items must be planted or placed at least five (5) ft. from the alley property line.

### SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES

1. City Square & Truck Route
2. Arterial Streets
3. Collector Streets
4. Residential Streets
5. Alleys (Uncompliant alleys will not be plowed)

#### Alley Snow Removal Procedures

- Snow removal on alleys will occur after an accumulation of 4 inches of snow.
- Alleys that do not meet minimum width, minimum height, and adequate strength requirements to support snow removal equipment **will not** be plowed.
- Direction of plowing will be at the discretion of the Public Works Director.
- Alleys **will not** receive ice control.