



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Traffic Engineering Department**



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**STUDED TIRES PROHIBITION DATE CHANGE**

**DATE:** 5 APRIL 2023

**TO:** PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** Bradly Coy, PE, PTOE, Municipal Traffic Engineer/Traffic Engineering Department Director

**SUBJECT:** Change of date prohibiting use of studded tires

Under Municipal Code 9.30.230 and 9.44.380, the Municipal Traffic Engineer is authorized to order a change of date for the prohibition of studded tires/enhanced traction devices in response to snow-cover conditions. In addition, an emergency order of the state can also change the date of this prohibition.

**9.30.230 - Parking vehicle with studded tires out of season.**

- A. A motor vehicle shall not be parked, stopped or left standing on a street, highway, vehicular way or area, or within any area of the municipality used for public parking from May 1 through September 30, inclusive, if equipped with any studded tire or any protuberance of any material other than rubber projecting beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire, except by order of the municipal traffic engineer in response to anticipated snow-cover conditions, as provided in [section 9.44.380](#), or emergency order of the state, or if the vehicle has a special individual traction permit from the state.

**9.44.380 - Tires.**


- C. No tire on a vehicle moved on a street may have on its periphery any protuberance of any material other than rubber which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire, except that it shall be permissible to use:
1. Farm machinery with tires having protuberances which will not injure the street.
  2. Tire chains of reasonable proportions upon any vehicle when required for safety because of snow, ice or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid.
  3. Pneumatic tires having studs designed to improve traction without materially injuring the surface of the street. Their use may be limited to certain months or types of vehicles by the traffic engineer.

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Due to Anchorage's extended winter weather conditions and today's emergency order issued by the Alaska Department of Public Safety that says:

*"the date prohibiting studded tire usage north of the 60 north latitude (All remaining areas of Alaska) has been extended from May 1st to May 15th, 2023."*

I am issuing this order to match the State's timing for the prohibition of studded tires/enhanced traction devices to start on May 15, 2023. In other words, a "studded tire or any protuberance of any material other than rubber projecting beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire" will be allowed through May 14, 2023.



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