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## **For Immediate Release**

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Mayor Chuck Oberlie issued the following statement: "Since the beginning of the heavier lake effect snowfall on Friday, multiple City Departments have been working various shifts to address the snowfall.

On New Year's Day, Street Department snow plows were dispatched at 5:30 p.m. and crews worked straight through until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

On Sunday morning, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Day Shift crew of Snow Plow Drivers were dispatched for duty and they were relieved by a Night Shift crew at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening. Around the clock snow plowing continues with Day Shift/Night Shift scheduling.

Refuse Department staff began snow removal from Franklin Street on Sunday and those efforts continued on Monday. The work area for Franklin Street snow removal has been from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Coolspring.

Vector Control staff worked through the night on Sunday to clear the downtown area streets and parking areas from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Streets between Pine and Washington Streets.

Michigan City Police Officers have been working in the neighborhoods to help locate the owners of parked vehicles in order to get cars moved in advance of street plowing.

Although snowfall may diminish from time to time, blowing and drifting snow remains a concern and snow plow crews are working to remove drifting snow from the roadways."

As of Monday, January 4th, at 3:00 p.m. we will remain in Phase I of the snow removal ordinance. There shall be no parking on the designated snow routes within the city or the North and West sides of any street. This phase will remain in effect until declared otherwise by Superintendent Elwell and the Mayor's office. The Michigan City Police Dept. will ticket and tow vehicles when necessary.