

# **Winter Parking in Halifax**

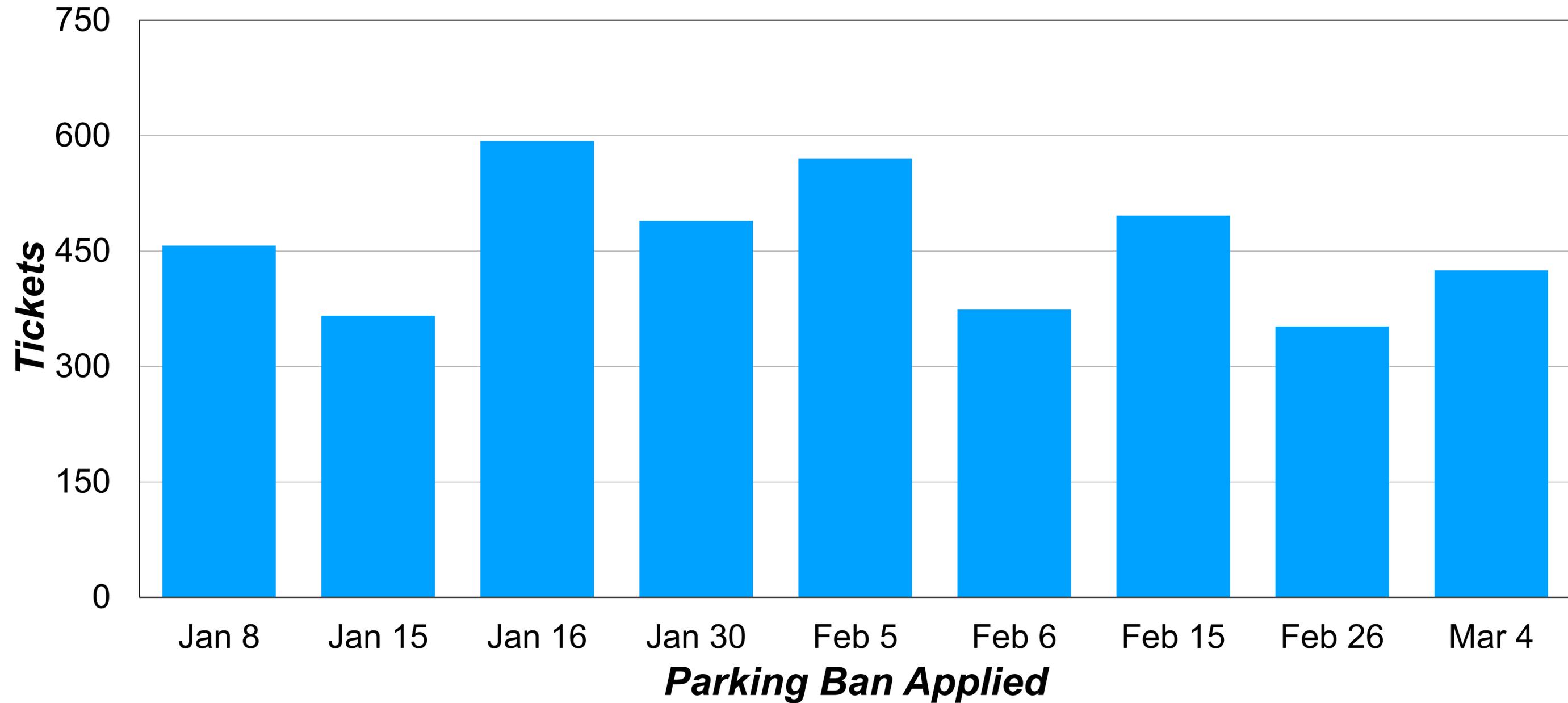
*Towards a more equitable solution*

**Dan Lametti, North End resident**

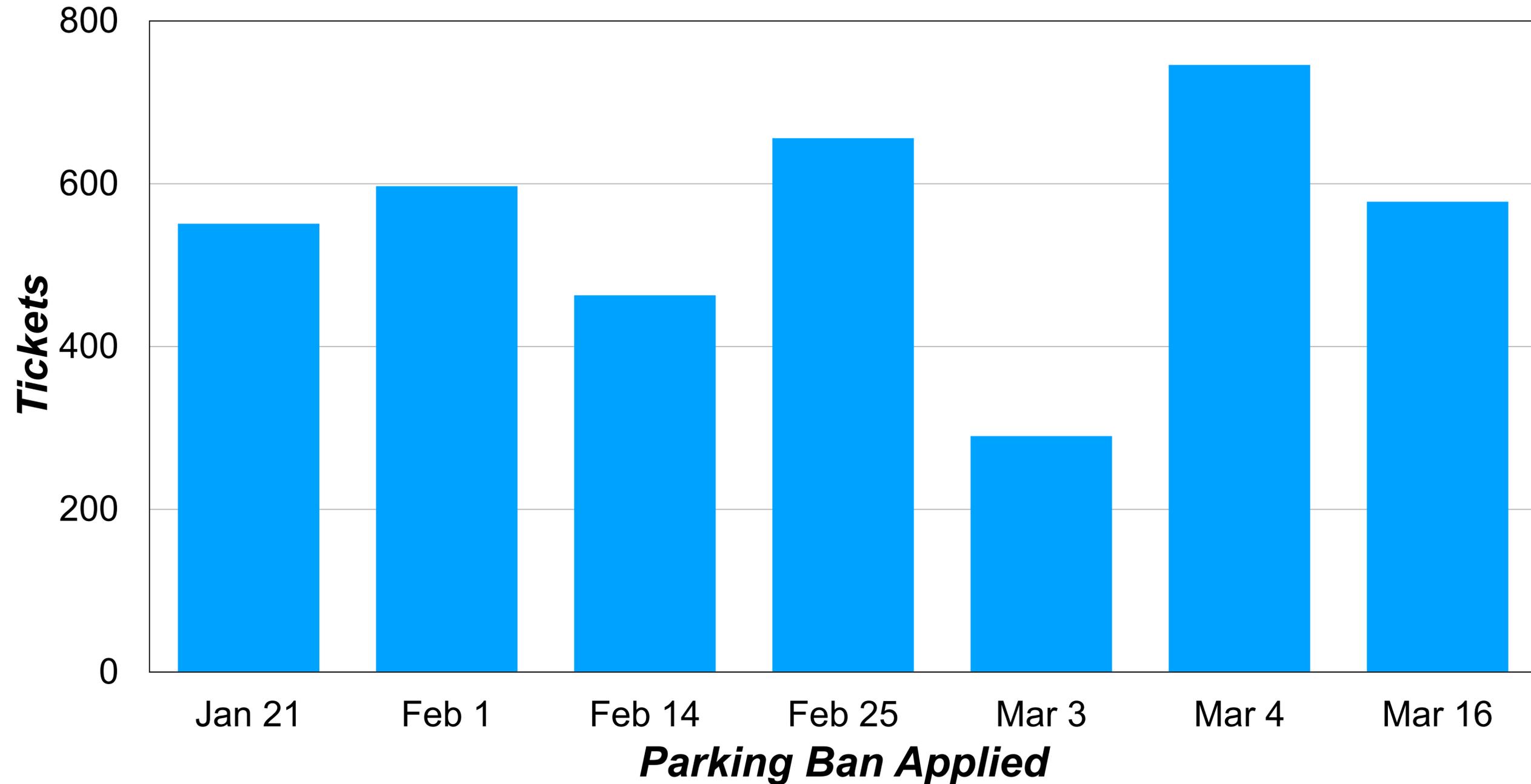
# Winter parking ban

- After a snowfall, Halifax bans street parking for needed snow clearing
- Ban applied citywide overnight
- Much better than the model it replaced, but there are still problems

***458 tickets per night in 2022—4122 total***



***554 tickets per night in 2023—3881 total***



- **Longstanding problem for residents who can least afford it**
- **Major problem for snow removal crews**

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## Halifax issues more than 600 winter parking ban tickets in just two days

By **Natasha Pace** • Global News

SNOW REMOVAL

### HRM issues nearly 400 tickets during first enforced parking bans of the year

Sports equipment and lawn decorations also an obstacle for crews, says municipality

Jan. 20, 2018 | 3:45 p.m.

By **Matt MacNeil**

Nova Scotia

### Halifax vehicle owners rack up \$225K in parking ban tickets this winter

To date, 4,494 winter parking ban tickets have been issued at \$50 each in the Halifax area

[David Irish](#) • CBC News • Posted: Feb 23, 2017 12:00 PM AST | Last Updated: February 23, 2017

### Halifax hands out 11,837 parking ban tickets this winter

Parking ban imposed 45 times this season compared with 15 the last

CBC News • Posted: Mar 31, 2015 5:01 PM ADT | Last Updated: April 1, 2015

# Why does the problem persist?

- Residents require cars but can **only street park**
- No **accessible** offstreet parking in many areas
- No **affordable** offstreet parking in many areas
- Housing crisis has made it worse

***What do other cities do?***

# More equitable models

- ***Montreal, QC***
  - Parking bans **selectively applied** to residential streets using temporary signage (7AM to 7PM or 7PM to 7AM)
  - Residents park on neighbouring streets
  - **2,318 free parking spaces** offered in municipal lots during snow clearing

Source: <https://montreal.ca/en/articles/how-to-park-your-car-winter-4145>

Source: <https://montreal.ca/en/topics/signage-snow-removal-operations>

# More equitable models

- *Ottawa, ON*
- Parking bans selectively applied to residential streets using temporary signage
- Free parking at five lots



# More equitable models

- ***St. John's, NL***
- Bans **selectively applied** to some streets at night according to an online schedule (by 3pm day before)
- **Free parking** at six lots

*“If you do not have a private driveway, **we suggest you use a public parking lot.** The City of St. John's owns parking lots that are **free to use** from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.”*

# Selective parking bans in St. John's



Reset Date  
Sunday, Mar. 5

## Snow Removal Today

Motorists are advised that snow removal and/or street widening operations are scheduled from **Saturday, March 4 2023 at 11:00 pm until Sunday, March 5 2023 at 6:00 am**, and vehicles must be removed during snow removal operations. To avoid being ticketed or towed, vehicles should be moved from the following 18 streets before the operations begin.

### Street name (segment)

- Avalon St (Calver Ave-Goodridge St)
- Beaumont St (St. Michael's Ave-End)
- Blatch Ave (Merrymeeting Rd-Freshwater Rd)
- Calver St (Mayor Ave-Newtown Rd)
- Cook St (Merrymeeting Rd-Freshwater Rd)
- Edinburgh St (Empire Ave-Calver Ave)
- Edinburgh St (Salisbury St-Salisbury St)
- Howley Ave Exten (Aldershot St-Newtown Rd)

# More equitable models

- ***Portland, Maine***
  - City-wide overnight parking ban after storms (9PM to 6AM)
  - **Free overnight parking at all city schools, community centres, and stadiums (until 7AM)**

*“The City offers numerous free options for parking on the peninsula during a snow ban. These lots are available after 5 pm on weekdays on the day a ban is called unless otherwise posted.”*

# Key Themes

- ***Street parking is not a choice for many***
- City website provides residents with alternatives
- Free offstreet parking during bans
- Selective clearing of residential streets

# Solutions for Halifax

- **1) Provide Resources**
- Currently, no alternative parking options on [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) for residents who only street park

*Think Before You Park  
webpage on Halifax.ca  
assumes everyone has  
offstreet parking*



# Solutions for Halifax

- **2) Provide Alternatives**
- Offstreet parking at Halifax **public schools** and other city owned property
- Monitor using the Hotspot parking app
- Free or for a small fee

# Solutions for Halifax

- **3) Selective Parking Bans**
- Overnight bans applied to key transit routes
- Selective bans applied to residential streets prior to clearing
- Residents move cars to neighbouring streets (like summer street cleaning)

# Concluding thoughts

- *Street parking is not a choice for many*
- Supporting these residents benefits everyone
- Small but fixable problem
- Housing crisis + increasing density = more residents with only street parking

*Questions?*

# Archived 2022 Data

## 2022 overnight winter parking ban ticket/tow numbers

Wondering how many vehicles are ticketed/towed during a weather event? This information is updated monthly.

Date	# of tows	# of tickets
Jan. 8	6	457
Jan. 15	10	366
Jan. 16	8	593
Jan. 30	9	489
Feb. 5	7	570
Feb. 6	5	374
Feb. 15	7	496
Feb. 26	9	352
March 4	6	425

# Archived 2023 Data

## 2022-23 overnight winter parking ban ticket/tow numbers

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Date	# of tows	# of tickets
Jan 21	2	551
Feb 1	0	597
Feb 14	2	463
Feb 25	0	656
Mar 3	0	290
Mar 4	0	746
Mar 16	0	578