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### **DPS Commissioner Extends Studded Tire Deadline**

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Joseph Masters issued an emergency order today to extend the studded-tire deadline to May 1 for all Alaska roads.

According to [AS 28.35.155](#), April 15 is the normal deadline for roads on Alaska south of 60 degrees north latitude and roads north of this geographic designation already fall under the May 1 deadline. The 60<sup>th</sup> parallel crosses Alaska south of Ninilchik and north of Happy Valley and Yakutat in the Southeast. However, the Sterling Highway that runs across the Kenai Peninsula also falls under the normal May 1 deadline. The emergency order gives motorists the option of driving with studded tires on all Alaska roads until May 1.

The extension should provide all motorists that additional margin of safety on lingering winter roads.

Those driving with studded tires after the deadline could be issued a correctable ticket with a \$50 fine.

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