

Sec. 92-72. - Snow emergency.

- (1) *No parking during snow emergency.* Except as otherwise provided in this article, no person shall park any vehicle and/or trailer on any street during a declared snow emergency. Permits for on-street parking issued under any ordinance or authority of the city shall not be valid during a declared snow emergency.
- (2) *Declaration of emergency.*
 - (a) In the interest of the public health, safety and welfare and at the request of appropriate municipal staff, the mayor or, in his/her absence, the vice mayor or, if neither are available, the city manager may declare a snow emergency whenever ice or snow has accumulated or is significantly likely to accumulate to such an extent as to impede safe travel upon the city streets.
 - (b) Upon declaration of a snow emergency, the city's designated representative shall immediately publicize the snow emergency and parking prohibition in a manner reasonably calculated to inform the public of the requirements of this article. The snow emergency shall be effective six hours after its initial declaration and publication.
- (3) *Time limit for removal of parked vehicle—Impoundment conditions and penalties.*
 - (a) Within six hours of the declaration of the snow emergency, any motor vehicle or trailer on any street, road or avenue within the city shall be removed.
 - (b) The city is hereby authorized to remove any vehicle and/or trailer which is parked on any street during a declared snow emergency and to transport the same to an impound facility designated by the city. Towing, storage and impound fees shall be charged to the owner of the vehicle and/or trailer impounded. All impounding fees shall be paid prior to the return of the vehicle or trailer to the owner.
 - (c) In addition to liability for towing, storage and any other impound fees related to removal of a vehicle and/or trailer from the street during a declared snow emergency, the registered owner and/or driver of such vehicle may be ticketed for violation of this article. Such a violation shall constitute a civil infraction.
- (4) *Termination.*
 - (a) Whenever the mayor, or in the absence of the mayor the vice mayor, or in the absence of both then the city manager, finds the conditions which gave rise to a snow emergency no longer exist, it shall be terminated by notice given substantially in the same manner it was declared.
 - (b)

In the absence of an official termination of the snow emergency, the parking prohibition shall be lifted on those streets where the city has completed snow plowing from curb to curb for the length thereof lying between two successive street intersections and the snow or sleet has stopped.

- (c) In the absence of (a) or (b) above, the snow emergency shall terminate automatically 48 hours after the effective time of the declaration unless the emergency has been extended and notice of said extension has been given in substantially the same manner the emergency was first declared.
- (5) *Presumption that owner parked vehicle or trailer.* In any proceeding for a violation of this chapter, proof that the motor vehicle or trailer described in the complaint was parked in violation of such chapter, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such violation the registered owner of such vehicle or trailer, shall constitute a presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle or trailer was the person who parked such vehicle or trailer at the point where and for the time during which such violation occurred.
- (6) *Other parking restrictions remain in force.* Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is prohibited by any other provision of law.

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