

ORDINANCE NO. 3-1-01

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SNOW EMERGENCY POLICY; TO ADOPT PARKING REGULATIONS DURING DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES; TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY AND PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the Sarpy County Highway Department provides snow and ice removal for County road systems and roads within sanitary improvement districts during winter storm events; and,

Whereas, vehicles parked on such roads hinder the ability of Sarpy County to adequately remove snow and ice, impair the public's ability to access routes to seek emergency services, and in certain cases pose a hazard to the general public; and,

Whereas, the Sarpy County Board has held a public hearing on the matter, after giving due notice as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SARPY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Snow Emergency: There is hereby established a Snow Emergency Ordinance to require that any vehicles parked along public roadways, including but not limited to streets, highways, avenues, boulevards, or other public ways within the county roads system or any sanitary improvement district, shall be removed in a declared snow or ice event so that roads can be adequately cleared to provide a safe driving surface.

SECTION 2. Declaration: The Highway Superintendent and County Administrator, or their designees, after consultation with the County Board Chairperson are hereby authorized and empowered to declare a public snow emergency, to remain in effect for 48 hours or until it is declared completed by the Highway Superintendent and County Administrator, or their designees, and order the removal of all automobiles from all public roadways for the purpose of allowing the removal of snow, ice or any other accumulated precipitation. Notice of a snow emergency declaration shall be posted on the Sarpy County website and given to at least two media outlets, including but not limited to radio, television stations or any other communications medium whose normal operating range covers the county and can disseminate the declaration within one hour after it is made.

SECTION 3. Parking Restricted: Upon the declaration of such an emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person to park, or suffer to be parked, any vehicle of any kind or description at any time on either side of any public roadway within Sarpy County until the emergency is declared completed. Any vehicles in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance may be ticketed and/or towed at the discretion of the Sheriff or his deputy.

SECTION 4. Fees and Fines: The following represents the fee and fine schedule for violations of the Snow Emergency Ordinance:


Ticket Fee	\$20.00 per declared snow emergency
Tow Fees:	
Basic Hook-up Fee, Towing	\$75.00
Mileage	\$2.00 (hook-up location to Sarpy County Tow Lot
Inside Storage	\$25.00/calendar day
Outside Storage	\$20.00/calendar day
Winching/Labor Fee	\$100/hour, prorated per quarter hour, with a maximum charge of \$100 per vehicle
Tarping	\$25.00 per calendar day
Administrative Fee	\$30.00

SECTION 5. Emergency vehicles operated for emergency purposes are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. A map of all public roadways located within Sarpy County affected by this Ordinance shall be kept current and displayed for the public on the Sarpy County website, and in the offices of the County Clerk, the County Administrator and the Highway and Surveyor Department.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

Passed and Adopted this 15th day of June, 2010.


Chairperson

Attest:


County Clerk

