

## **7.125 Traffic Regulations During Snow Emergencies**

1. *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Emergency snowstorm* means a snowstorm in which snow is falling in such a manner as to produce a congestion of traffic or impede the operation of emergency vehicles.

*Emergency vehicles* includes police squad cars, firefighting apparatus, ambulances, rescue squad cars, city-owned or -hired snow plows, snow removal equipment and machinery, or emergency vehicles.

2. *Declaration of an emergency.* The mayor, or, in his absence, the president of the council, or the chairperson of the board of public works, shall, during the periods of emergency and immediately thereafter, declare a state of public emergency and the duration thereof, and designate emergency thoroughfares by public proclamation which may be done through the medium of the radio, placards, newspapers, or other means of communications.
3. *Parking on emergency thoroughfares prohibited.* No person shall park or abandon any vehicle or load or unload any merchandise or freight truck or vehicle in any street, alley, or lane designated in the manner set out above to be an emergency thoroughfare during a snowstorm or immediately thereafter until the thoroughfare has been plowed of snow or when temporarily posted "No Parking - Snow Removal."
4. *Emergency thoroughfares.* The city council may from time to time designate emergency thoroughfares which shall be shown on an emergency thoroughfare map on file in the office of the city engineer. Additions to such map, when directed by the city council, shall be made by the city engineer.
5. *Emergency parking restrictions.* During emergency snowstorms or when the city has experienced heavy snowfalls in which the accumulation of snow has narrowed streets or impeded normal traffic flow, the mayor or, in his absence, the president of the council or, in the absence of both, the chairperson of the board of public works, may declare a snow emergency and the duration thereof and may impose emergency parking restrictions while the emergency is in effect.
  - a. During a class II snow emergency, there shall be no parking on any city street from 2:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. and, at all other times, parking is restricted to the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered days and to the odd-numbered side of the street on odd-numbered days. The term "day" means the day beginning at 5:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 a.m. the following day.
  - b. During a class III snow emergency, there shall be no parking on any city street at any time.
  - c. Snow emergency parking restrictions do not apply where snow has been removed to the curb.

(Code 2011, § 7.125)