

(c) Snow emergency restrictions.

(1) *Declaration of snow emergency.* The village president, or in his absence, any member of the village board, may declare a snow emergency during the period of a severe snowstorm or immediately thereafter, whenever traffic is impeded by reason of such snowfall, and the emergency vehicles, including snow removal equipment and machinery, are impeded.

(2) *Duration of emergency.* Such emergency shall exist so long as traffic remains impeded by the snow, and the operation of emergency vehicles is affected thereby, or is likely to be affected by the congestion of the traffic upon the streets, alleys or public parking lots of the village.

(3) *Notice of emergency.* The village president, or other authorized officials, may proclaim the state of emergency through the press, radio or other public means of communication and may designate and authorize police officers and snow removal personnel to inform the citizenry of the existence of the emergency.

(4) *Parking prohibited during emergency.* No person shall park any vehicle on any village street, alley or public parking lot during the period of a snow emergency or immediately thereafter until such street, alley or public parking lot has been cleared of snow.

(5) *Removal of vehicles.* The chief of police or member of the streets and roads committee of the village board may remove or cause to be removed any vehicle which may interfere with the operation of the snow removal equipment or any snow emergency vehicle after first attempting to give notice to the owner of said vehicle that the same must be removed. The village may charge the cost of removing such vehicle to the owner or the operator thereof. Said vehicle may be removed to a garage within the village limits or other designated location.

(6) *Negligent parking on side street.* No person shall permit any vehicle to park or stop upon any uncleared street or alley or public parking lot, either during a severe snowstorm, immediately thereafter or during a state of declared emergency in such a manner as to interfere with snow removal equipment, unless with reasonable diligence they could not avoid it.

(d) *Removal of vehicles.* In the event any vehicle is in violation of this Code and it is determined by the fire chief or any other officer of the fire department that an emergency exists and in the opinion of said officer it is necessary to remove said vehicle to ensure the safe passage of an emergency vehicle, said officer shall have the right to order the removal of said vehicle after first attempting to give notice to the owner of said vehicle that the same must be removed. The village may charge the cost of removing said vehicle to the owner or the operator thereof. Said vehicle may be removed to a garage within the village limits or other designated location. (Ord. No. 8-04, § 1, 10-14-2004)