

136. SNOW EMERGENCIES

136.01. Purpose. The rapidly increasing use of the public streets in the city for the movement and parking of motor vehicles requires the adoption of special emergency snow and ice removal regulations and procedures in order that hazards and obstructions to the movement of fire, police, emergency and other vehicles will be minimized, the public safety, health and welfare protected, and public funds preserved.

136.02. Definitions. Subdivision 1. As used in this chapter the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. "Snow or ice emergency" means a condition of snowfall, snow accumulation or ice accumulation or anticipated snowfall, snow accumulation or ice accumulation which creates or is likely to create hazardous street conditions endangering or impeding or likely to endanger or impede the movement of fire, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic, or otherwise endanger the safety, health or welfare of the public.

Subd. 3. "Snow emergency routes" means those primary or arterial streets in the city which are essential to the establishment of a workable traffic pattern under emergency conditions and shall be designated by the council from time to time by written resolution. The designation of snow emergency routes by written resolution shall not be effective until such routes are appropriately identified by signs or markers informing the public that a street so marked is a snow emergency route.

Subd. 4. "Business district streets and alleys" means those streets and alleys in the central business district or other congested business area of the city from which accumulated snow or ice is to be removed by loading and hauling away. Business district streets and alleys shall be designated by the council from time to time by written resolution. Regulations and procedures applicable to removal of snow or ice from business district streets and alleys shall become effective during each emergency when signs or markers are posted along such streets and alleys informing the public of the regulations and procedures in effect.

Subd. 5. "Residential streets and alleys" means all streets and alleys in the city other than "snow emergency routes" and "business district streets and alleys."

Subd. 6. "City engineer" means the city engineer, or, if absent, the director of maintenance.

136.03. Declaration of Emergency. Subdivision 1. Notice. Whenever the city engineer, in the exercise of sound judgment and discretion, determines that a snow or ice emergency exists or is expected to occur, requiring the removal of snow or ice from

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the public streets and alleys, the city engineer shall declare such emergency in writing, file the same with the city clerk, and cause notice of such emergency to be given to the public by press, radio or television. The city engineer shall request the cooperation of press, radio and television news media and when notice of the declared emergency is given by any combination of two or more news media, i.e. the official newspaper of the city, a radio station or television station, such notice shall constitute due and proper notice to the public.

Subd. 2. Duration. When declared by the city engineer, a snow or ice emergency shall continue for a period of 120 hours from the time of declaration unless sooner terminated or extended by further notice from the city engineer given in the manner prescribed above.

Subd. 3. Parking Restrictions. In declaring a snow or ice emergency, the city engineer shall state in the written declaration the specific hours when the special parking restrictions go into effect on snow emergency routes and on residential streets and alleys. Notice of special parking restrictions applicable to business district streets and alleys shall be given on signs or markers posted along such streets and alleys during each emergency.

Subd. 4. Duration of Restrictions. Special parking restrictions applicable to snow emergency routes shall not go into effect earlier than six hours after the emergency is declared by the city engineer. Special parking restrictions applicable to residential streets and alleys shall not go into effect earlier than twelve hours after the emergency is declared by the city engineer.

136.04. Parking Restrictions. Subdivision 1. During the period of an ice or snow emergency, the special parking regulations contained in this section shall apply.

Subd. 2. Snow Emergency Routes. From the hour specified by the city engineer in the declaration of a snow or ice emergency, no motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle shall be parked, abandoned or left unattended on any snow emergency route until snow or ice ploughing has been completed on such route over the full width of the roadway. This provision shall not prohibit passenger vehicles from stopping for periods sufficient to load or discharge passengers from such vehicles. Commercial vehicles may stop for periods sufficient to load or unload cargo when special permission is obtained from the city engineer.

Subd. 3. Business District Streets and Alleys. During the hours specified on the signs or markers posted along business district streets and alleys no motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicles shall be parked, abandoned or left unattended on any business district street or alley. This provision shall not prohibit passenger vehicles from stopping for periods sufficient to load or discharge passengers from such vehicles. Commercial vehicles may stop for periods sufficient to load or unload cargo when special permission is obtained from the city engineer.

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Subd. 4. Residential Streets. Beginning on the day specified by the city engineer in the declaration of a snow or ice emergency, and continuing during the period of the emergency, parking on residential streets is prohibited as follows:

(1) No motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle shall be parked, abandoned or left unattended on any even numbered street or avenue on even numbered days between the hours of 4:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. until snow or ice plowing has been completed on such street or avenue over the full width of the roadway. For the purpose of this chapter, the following additional residential streets shall be considered as even numbered streets and avenues.

### N.W.

18-1/2 St. N.W. from 24th Ave. N.W. to 18th Ave. N.W.  
16-1/2 St. N.W. from 21st Ave. N.W. to 18th Ave. N.W.  
Valley High Drive from 21st Ave. N.W. to 19th Ave. N.W.  
4th Place N.W. from west end east to 36th Ave. N.W.  
6th Place N.W. from 36th Ave. N.W. to 7th St. N.W.  
West Center St. from 20th Ave. N.W. to U.S. 52-Frontage Road (westside)  
16-1/2 Ave. N.W. from 14th St. N.W. to 16th St. N.W.  
10-1/2 Ave. N.W. from 12th St. N.W. to 14th St. N.W.  
5th Place N.W. from 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.W. to 5th St. N.W.  
13th Ave. N.W. from 5th Place N.W. to 4th St. N.W.  
4-1/2 St. N.W. from 13th Ave. N.W. to 11th Ave. N.W.  
4th St. N.W. from 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 12th Ave. N.W.  
Manorwoods Drive N.W.  
Vanir Court N.W.  
Valkyrie Court N.W.  
Valkyrie Lane N.W.  
Telemark Lane N.W.  
Telemark Court N.W.  
Trolls Court N.W.

### S.W.

Plummers Circle  
Plummers Lane  
10-1/2 St. S.W. from west end to 8th Ave. S.W.  
Folwell Drive S.W.  
Walden Lane S.W.  
Skyline Drive S.W.  
Apache Drive S.W.  
Memorial Parkway

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### N.E.

16-1/4 St. N.E. from Bdwy. to 1st Ave. N.E.  
1st Ave. N.E. from 16-1/4 St. N.E. to 16-1/2 St. N.E.  
16-1/2 St. N.E. from Bdwy. to 1st Ave. N.E.  
Wilshire Drive from 14th Ave. N.E.  
Wilshire Court N.E.

### East

East Center St. from 11th Ave. N.E. to 15th Ave. N.E. S.E.  
13-1/2 Ave. S.E. from 2nd St. S.E. to 3-1/2 St. S.E.  
9-1/2 Ave. S.E. from 11th St. S.E. to 12th St. S.E.  
10-1/2 Ave. S.E. from 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.E. to 11-1/2 St. S.E.  
10-1/4 St. S.E. from 1st Ave. to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.E.  
10-1/2 St. S.E. from 1st Ave. to 3rd Ave. S.E.  
9-1/2 St. S.E. from 9th Ave. to 11th Ave. S.E.  
10-1/2 St. S.E. from 9th Ave. S.E. to east end Homestead Village Lane  
16-1/2 St. S.E. from 8th Ave. S.E. to 11th Ave. S.E.  
16-1/4 St. S.E. from 9th Ave. S.E. to 10th Ave. S.E.

(2) No motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle shall be parked, abandoned, or left unattended on any odd numbered street or avenue on odd numbered days between the hours of 4:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. until snow or ice plowing has been completed on such street or on such avenue over the full width of the roadway. For the purpose of this chapter, the following additional residential streets shall be considered as odd numbered streets and avenues.

### N.W.

7th Place N.W. from 36th Ave. N.W. west to 5th Place N.W.  
5th Place N.W. from 7th Place N.W. to 5th St. N.W.  
3rd Place N.W. from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N.W. to east end  
17-1/2 St. N.W. from 21st Ave. N.W. to 18th Ave. N.W.  
Knoll Lane from 12th Ave. N.W. to north end  
11-1/2 Ave. N.W. from Knoll Lane to north end Zumbro Drive N.W.  
15-1/2 Ave. N.W. from 14th St. N.W. to 16th St. N.W.  
19th St. N.W. from 3rd Ave. N.W. west to Corporate Limits  
15-1/2 St. N.W. from 8th Ave. N.W. to west end  
Pahama Ct. from 14th St. N.W. to north end  
8-1/2 Ave. N.W. from 9th Ave. N.W. to 5th St. N.W.  
13-1/2 St. N.W. from Broadway to 2nd Ave. N.W.  
2nd Ave. N.W. from 13th St. N.W. to north end  
Viking Drive N.W.  
Viking Court N.W.

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Haling Court N.W.  
Nordic Court N.W.  
Terracewood drive N.W.  
Woodhill Court N.W.  
Wooddale Court N.W.  
Valhalla Court N.W.

### S.W.

18-1/2 Ave. S.W. from 3rd St. to 5th St. S.W.  
North Sunny Slopes  
11-1/4 St. S.W. from 9th Ave. S.W. west to end  
11-1/2 St. S.W. from 11-1/4 St. S.W. to 7th Ave. S.W.

### N.E.

7-1/2 Ave. N.E. from 15th St. N.E. to north end  
Northwood Drive from 7-1/2 Ave. N.E. to north end  
Rocky Creek Drive N.E. from U.S. 63 east 200' Teton Lane N.E.

### S.E.

9-1/2 St. S.E. from Bdwy. to 3rd Ave. S.E.  
11th St. S.E. from 1st Ave. S.E. to 3rd Ave. S.E.  
11-1/2 St. S.E. from 1st Ave. S.E. to 3rd Ave. S.E.  
14-1/2 St. S.E. from 6th Ave. S.E. to 8th Ave. S.E.  
8-1/2 Ave. S.E. from 16th Ave. S.E. to 13-1/2 St. S.E.  
13-1/2 St. S.E. from 8th Ave. S.E. to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E.  
8-1/2 St. S.E. from 11th Ave. S.E. to 13th Ave. S.E.  
3-1/2 St. S.E. from 13th Ave. S.E. to 15th Ave. S.E. Berkman Court S.E.  
Damon Court S.E.  
Graham Court S.E.  
8-1/2 Ave. S.E. from 13-1/2 St. S.E. to south end

(3) No motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle shall be parked, abandoned or left unattended on any residential alley between the hours of 4:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. on every day during the emergency until snow or ice plowing has been completed on such alley over the full width of the traveled alleyway.

The foregoing provisions shall not prohibit passenger vehicles from stopping for periods sufficient to load or discharge passengers from such vehicles. Commercial vehicles may stop for periods sufficient to load or unload cargo when special permission is obtained from the city engineer.

136.05. Removal of Vehicles. Any motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle parked, abandoned, or left unattended in violation of the provisions of this chapter may be

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moved from place to place on the public street or alley by city employees or agents as necessary to accomplish necessary plowing, loading or hauling operations; or may be removed by city employees or agents and towed or otherwise removed to impounding or storage areas designated by the city and may be there reclaimed by owners in accordance with general regulations and requirements established by other provisions of this code.

136.06. Piling of Snow. No owner or occupant of property abutting upon a public street or alley nor any person on behalf of any such owner or occupant shall:

(1) Push into or deposit upon the paved or improved roadway of any public street or alley, any snow or ice from such private property or from public boulevards adjoining such roadways.

(2) Pile snow at such heights and at such locations as to interfere with the view of the traveling public at public street and alley intersections and at private drives onto public streets and alleys.

A violation of the provisions of this section shall not only subject the violator to the penalties for violation of this code but shall also obligate the abutting owner or occupant and any agent of the owner or occupant, to reimburse the city for any expense incurred by it in removing snow unlawfully deposited or piled.

136.07. Temporary Parking Restrictions. Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary, and without the need to declare a snow emergency pursuant to section 136.03, the City Engineer is authorized to impose temporary parking restrictions on those streets which, in the City Engineer's opinion, are in need of snow removal in order to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. The City Engineer must confer with the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the City Administrator before imposing any parking restrictions. The City Engineer must give at least 24 hours notice of the parking restrictions to those affected by the restrictions. This section may be enforced pursuant to section 136.05. (3861, 4/7/08)

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