

CITY OF FINLAYSON

ORDINANCE 154 SNOW EMERGENCY/SNOW REMOVAL

Parking Regulations During a Snow Emergency, and Snow Removal.

Subd. 1 *Snow Emergency Defined.*, The City may declare a snow emergency to exist in this City whenever snow falls to a depth of two (2) inches or more during any twenty-four (24) hours or less or the snowfall constitutes a serious public hazard impairing transportation, the movement of food and supplies, medical care, fire, health and police protection and vital municipal functions.

Subd. 2 *Parking Prohibited.* During a snow emergency it shall be unlawful to park on either side of a city street, avenue, or alley between the hours of 12 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day or until the snow has been cleared from the street, avenue, or alley.

Subd. 3 *Removal Policy.* Snow will be removed in a snow emergency in accordance with policies developed by the City. Minnesota Statute 160.2715 Section (a) Subdivision (1) advised that pushing/blowing snow from driveways and sidewalks onto public roads may be punishable as a misdemeanor. Snow deposited or left on roadways creates a real hazard to passing motorists which can cause serious accidents. Even heavy snowplows have been damaged when hitting impacted and frozen snow deposits on the roadways. Because the practice is illegal to begin with, the person depositing the snow, as the prime cause of the accident, may also find him/herself faced with civil liability lawsuits. The City of Finlayson's Public Works Department urges you, as good neighbors and motorists, not to add to the hazards of winter time driving.

Subd. 4 *Vehicles in Violation.* Any motor vehicle found in violation of this subsection shall constitute a public hazard and an obstruction of traffic and may be immediately removed and impounded by any police officer or person/entity designated by the Council.

Following an impoundment the vehicle shall be surrendered only to the duly identified owner, or the owner's agent upon payment of the cost of towing and storage. Any damage occasioned to any towed vehicles by the towing operations shall be the responsibility of the owner or operator of the vehicle. No liability for damages shall be imposed against, nor shall any damage be assumed by, the City. In addition to impoundment, any person violating the provisions may be charged with a petty misdemeanor.

Subd. 5 *Violation a Petty Misdemeanor.* Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance becomes effective on the date of its publication, or upon the publication of a summary of the ordinance as provided by Minn. Stat., § 412.191, subd. 4, as it may be amended from time to time, which meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 331A.01, subd. 10, as it may be amended from time to time.

Passed by the Council this 8th day of May, 2023

Attested:



Mayor



City Clerk/ Administrator