

Chapter 367

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES AND PARKING THEREON

Section 367.010. Definitions. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1 — 2, 1-12-2010]

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have these prescribed meanings:

ROADWAY — That portion of a street or highway in the City of Tarkio, Missouri improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.

SECONDARY STREETS — Those streets designated as such in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES — Those streets designated as such in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

STREET OR HIGHWAY — The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

Section 367.020. Parking on Snow Emergency Routes. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 3, 1-12-2010]

- A. Whenever the Tarkio Street Superintendent finds, on the basis of falling snow, sleet or freezing rain, or on the basis of a forecast by the U.S. Weather Bureau of snow, sleet or freezing rain, that weather conditions will make it necessary that motor vehicles be expedited and that parking on City streets be prohibited or restricted for snow plowing and other purposes, the Tarkio Street Superintendent shall put into effect the parking prohibition on parts of or all snow emergency routes as necessary by declaring it in a manner prescribed in this Chapter.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (A) hereof, a parking prohibition shall automatically go into effect on any part of any snow emergency route on which there has been an accumulation of snow and/or ice of three (3) inches or more for one (1) hour or more of any day.
- C. Once in effect, a prohibition under this Section shall remain in effect until terminated by announcement of the Tarkio Street Superintendent in accordance with this Chapter; except that any street area which has become substantially clear of snow and ice from curb to curb for the length of the entire block shall be automatically excluded therefrom. While the prohibition is in effect, no person shall park or allow remaining parked any vehicle on any portion of a snow emergency route to which it applies. However, nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any other provision of law.

Section 367.030. Parking on Secondary Streets. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 4, 1-12-2010]

Whenever the Tarkio Street Superintendent finds, on the basis of falling snow, sleet, freezing rain or on the basis of a forecast by the U.S. Weather Bureau or other weather service of snow, sleet or freezing rain, the weather conditions will make it necessary that motor vehicle traffic be expedited and that parking on City streets be prohibited or restricted for snow plowing and other purposes, the Tarkio Street Superintendent shall put into effect a parking prohibition on parts of or all secondary streets as necessary by declaring it in a manner prescribed by this Chapter. Once in effect, the prohibition shall remain in effect until terminated by announcement of the Tarkio Street Superintendent in accordance with this Chapter. However, nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any other provision of law.

Section 367.040. Stalled Vehicles on Snow Emergency Routes. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 5, 1-12-2010]

Whenever a vehicle becomes stalled for any reason, whether or not in violation of this Chapter, on any part of a snow emergency route in which there is a covering of snow, sleet or ice or on which there is a parking prohibition in effect, the person operating such vehicle shall take immediate action to have the vehicle towed or pushed off the roadway of such snow emergency route onto the first (1st) cross street which is not a snow emergency route. No person shall abandon or leave his/her vehicle in the roadway of a snow emergency route (regardless of whether he/she indicates, by raising the hood or otherwise, that the vehicle is stalled), except for the purpose of securing assistance during the actual time necessary to go to a nearby telephone or to a nearby garage, gasoline station or other place of assistance and return without delay.

Section 367.050. Deposit of Snow or Ice in Street or Public Way. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 6, 1-12-2010]

No person or persons engaged in the removal of snow or ice from driveways, parking lots or sidewalks shall deposit such snow or ice in the streets or any public way for vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Section 367.060. Announcements Required. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 7, 1-12-2010]

The Tarkio Street Superintendent shall, when permitted by said radio or telecasts, cause each declaration made by him/her pursuant to this Chapter to be publicly announced by means of broadcasts or telecasts from a station with a normal operating range covering the City, and he/she may cause such declaration to be further announced in newspapers of general circulation when feasible. Each announcement shall describe the action taken by the Tarkio Street Superintendent, including the time it became or will become effective, and shall specify the streets or areas affected. A parking prohibition or traffic emergency declared by the Tarkio Street Superintendent shall not go into effect until at least one (1) hour after it has been announced in accordance with this Chapter.

Section 367.070. Termination of Parking Prohibition or Traffic Safety. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 8, 1-12-2010]

Whenever the Tarkio Street Superintendent shall find that some or all of the conditions which give rise to a parking prohibition or traffic emergency in effect pursuant to this Chapter no longer exist, he/she may declare the prohibition or emergency terminated, in whole or in part, in a manner prescribed by this Chapter effective immediately upon announcement.

Section 367.080. Temporary Provisions to Take Precedence Over Other Ordinances — Exceptions. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 9, 1-12-2010]

Any provision of this Chapter which becomes effective by declaration of the Tarkio Street Superintendent or upon the occurrence of certain weather conditions shall, while temporarily in effect, take precedence over other, conflicting provisions of law normally in effect; except that it shall not take precedence over provisions of law relating to traffic accidents, emergency travel of authorized emergency vehicles or emergency traffic directions by a Public Safety Officer.

Section 367.090. Designation of Snow Emergency Routes by Signs. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 10, 1-12-2010]

On each street designated by this Chapter as a snow emergency route, the Tarkio Street Superintendent shall post special signs at intervals not exceeding five hundred (500) feet with the wording "Snow Route". These signs shall be distinctive and uniform in appearance and shall be plainly readable to persons traveling on the street or highway.

Section 367.100. Removal, Impounding and Return of Vehicles. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 11, 1-12-2010]

- A. Members of the City are hereby authorized to remove or have removed a vehicle from a street to the nearest garage or other place of safety (including another place on a street), or to a garage designated or otherwise maintained by the City, when:
1. The vehicle is parked on a part of a snow emergency route on which a parking prohibition is in effect.
 2. The vehicle is stalled on a part of a snow emergency route on which there is a covering of snow, sleet or ice or on which there is a parking prohibition in effect and the person who was operating such vehicle does not appear to be removing it in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
 3. The vehicle is parked in violation of any parking ordinance or provision of law and is interfering or about to interfere with snow removal operations.
- B. The removal, impounding and return of obstructing vehicles on snow emergency routes shall be at the violator's expense.

Section 367.110. Citation on Vehicle Parked in Violation of Chapter. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 12, 1-12-2010]

Whenever any motor vehicle without a driver is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this Chapter, and is not removed and impounded as provided for in this Chapter, the Police Officer finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a traffic citation for the driver to answer to the charge against him/her within thirty (30) days during the hours and date and place specified in the citation.

Section 367.120. Failure to Comply With Citation. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 13, 1-12-2010]

If a violator of this Chapter does not appear in response to a traffic citation affixed to such motor

vehicle in accordance with this Chapter within a period of thirty (30) days, the Clerk of the Traffic Court or other appropriate person shall send the owner of the motor vehicle to which the traffic citation was affixed a letter informing him/her of the violation and warning him/her that in the event such letter is disregarded for a period of five (5) days, a warrant of arrest will be issued.

Section 367.130. Evidence of Violation. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 14, 1-12-2010]

In any prosecution with regard to a vehicle parked or left in a place or in a condition in violation of any provision of this Chapter, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked or left in violation of a provision of this Chapter, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the defendant was the person who parked or left the vehicle in violation of this Chapter.

Section 367.140. Snow Emergency Routes Designated. [Ord. No. 94-10 §§1, 15, 1-12-2010]

The following streets or portions of streets within the City shown hereto are hereby designated as snow emergency routes:

Streets: Main Street, Spruce, Park, College, Pine, Second Street from Walnut or (Highway 136) to Main, Third, Fifth, Seventh and Thirteenth.