

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE IV, PUBLIC ORDER, CHAPTER 8, SNOW REMOVAL REGULATIONS, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF TIPTON BY DELETING TITLE IV, CHAPTER 8 IN IT'S ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TIPTON:

Section One: That Chapter 8 in its entirety is amended to read as follows:

TITLE IV PUBLIC ORDER

CHAPTER 8: SNOW REMOVAL

- 4-8-1 Introduction
 - 4-8-2 Snow Emergency Declaration
 - 4-8-3 Snow Emergency Routes
 - 4-8-4 Driveways and Snow Removal from Private Property
 - 4-8-5 Removal of Snow and Ice Accumulations from Sidewalks
 - 4-8-6 Vehicle Towing During Declared Snow Emergencies
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- 4-8-1 INTRODUCTION. Due to the location of Tipton, Iowa, snow, ice, or freezing rain can be expected between mid-November and mid-March each year. Snow and ice control is basically emergency work in which City streets must be cleared at any time of the day or night. Since snow and ice removal is considered an emergency service by the City of Tipton, and the City of Tipton shall undertake operations using the methods, resources, and equipment necessary to keep access to the City as open as possible during snow events.
 - 4-8-2 SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION. A snow emergency is defined as a special condition of a snowfall event requiring residents to move their vehicles off the snow emergency routes to accommodate emergency snow removal. A snow emergency declaration allows for the towing of vehicles from the emergency snow routes. A snow emergency is normally declared after a measurable snowfall of 2 inches or more; however, any amount of snow combined with ice, rain, and/or wind can also require a snow emergency to be declared. The Mayor, City Manager or Public Works Director may declare a snow emergency. A snow emergency may be declared in advance of an anticipated storm, to start at a specific time; or a snow emergency may be declared anytime during or after a storm. A snow emergency will normally not last more than 72 hours past the end of the last snowfall. That a snow emergency has been declared will be communicated to the public through mass media outlets as deemed appropriate by the Mayor, City Manager, or Public Works Director
 - 4-8-3 SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES. A system of marked snow emergency routes have been established to maintain the flow of traffic, goods and services to the City of Tipton on thoroughfare streets. The marked snow emergency routes will be established by the City Council by resolution.
 - 4-8-4 DRIVEWAYS AND SNOW REMOVAL FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY. City snowplows will not clear private driveways. The snow placed in driveways by City plows is a natural result of clearing the streets and is the responsibility of the property owner to remove. Snow from a private driveway, private sidewalk, business driveway, or parking lot may not be placed on a City street or on designated street parking. Commercial property owners in the Central Business District may remove this snow

from the sidewalks surrounding their property and place this snow into the City street for removal. Snow from a private driveway or business must be piled in such a way that a safety hazard is not created or that the view or traveling path of the public is not obstructed.

City equipment will not be used to remove piled snow or push snow away from private property or businesses. Snow will only be removed from City facilities and the Tipton Community Schools. Using City equipment to clear snow from private property is a violation of this code unless it is necessary to allow emergency vehicles access to the private property for ambulance, fire or police calls.

- 4-8-5 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATIONS FROM SIDEWALKS. It shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations from public sidewalks on their property within 24 hours of the end of the last snowfall, the city may do so without notice to the property owner, and assess the costs of snow and ice accumulations against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

- 4-8-6 VEHICLE TOWING DURING DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES. Vehicles parked in the area zoned Central Business District in violation of Section 4-1-33 of this Code or vehicles parked on a designated Snow Emergency Route street during a declared Snow Emergency are subject to tow without notice to the owners, and at the owners' expense in accordance with Section 4-1-31 of this code. In addition to the provisions of 4-1-31, if a vehicle is left on a public street or alley on a designated snow route or in the area zoned Central Business District in such a fashion as to hinder snow removal, that vehicle may be towed at the expense of the owner of the vehicle, provided that an attempt was made to contact the owner to have the vehicle moved; and that either the owner could not be located, or the owner was contacted, that the owner of the vehicle failed to move the vehicle within 15 minutes after being contacted.

Section Two:

When Effective: This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its final passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Donald G.Young, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Foley, City Clerk