

ORDINANCE B-590

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING AND OPERATION OF VEHICLES UPON STREETS DURING WINTER STORM TRAFFIC EMERGENCIES AND UPON STREETS DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, KANSAS, THAT THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON STREETS COVERED BY HEAVY ACCUMULATION OF SNOW AND THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES ARE MATTERS AFFECTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY FOR THE REASON THAT PARKED, STALLED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES IMPEDE SNOW CLEARING/REMOVAL OPERATIONS AND CAUSES SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY PASS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE, TO-WIT:

- (A) DECLARATION OF WINTER STORM TRAFFIC EMERGENCY. The Mayor or designee may declare a winter storm traffic emergency whenever snow has accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to such a depth that snow clearing/removal operations will be required, or weather conditions otherwise warrant the declaration of a winter storm traffic emergency for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city, in the opinion of the Mayor. The Mayor will then implement the following phases depending upon the severity of the winter storm traffic emergency and until such winter storm traffic emergency is terminated, it shall be unlawful to do the following during each phase:
- (1) Phase 1. To park a vehicle on any street designated as an emergency snow route in subsection (D) of this section.
 - (2) Phase II. To operate any vehicle upon any city street except those vehicles designated by the Mayor as snow clearing/removal or emergency vehicles.
- (B) NOTICE OF WINTER STORM TRAFFIC EMERGENCY; TERMINATION. Upon declaring a winter storm traffic emergency, the Mayor or designee shall promptly cause appropriate notice to be given to the local press, radio and other media on the severity of the emergency and the phase upon which the Mayor has invoked. The winter storm traffic emergency shall be terminated by notice substantially in the same manner as it was declared.

(C) REMOVAL OF STRANDED AND PARKED VEHICLES. All vehicles parked on an emergency snow route must be removed within two hours after declaration of a winter storm traffic emergency has been given. All stranded or abandoned vehicles impeding snow clearing/removal or causing traffic congestion on any city street shall be removed immediately. After declaration of a traffic emergency, any vehicle parked on an emergency snow route after a two-hour notice, and any vehicles impeding snow clearing/removal operations or causing traffic congestion, may be removed or caused to be removed by a police officer to the nearest garage or other place of safety and the vehicle may not be recovered until the towing and storage charges are paid by the owner of the vehicle.

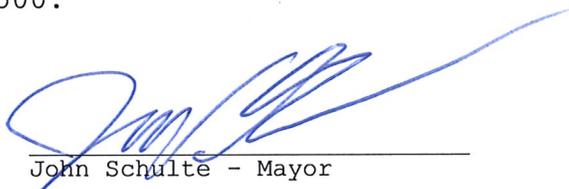
(D) EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES ESTABLISHED. The following streets are established as emergency snow routes within the city:

Cathedral Avenue
10th Street
Main Street & East & West Main Street
3rd Street

(E) PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as Class C by fine of not more than \$500.

ATTEST:


Jamie Sterling - City Clerk


John Schulte - Mayor