

**ORDINANCE NUMBER SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 231, ARTICLE V,
SNOW EMERGENCIES**

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, Article V, of the Code of Ordinances relates to the snow emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, Article V, of the Code provides that the City of Stamford Traffic Commission designate snow emergency routes on which parking may be suspended during snow emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Charter of the City of Stamford regarding the Traffic Commission were repealed by referendum in 1995 and the Commission's responsibilities, including the authority to designate roads or portions thereof as snow emergency routes and prohibit or restrict parking on these routes during snow emergencies, were transferred to the Director of Operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Representatives believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Stamford to clarify the authority of the Director of Operations to designate roads or portions thereof as snow emergency routes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Chapter 231, Article V, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 231-47. - Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Snow emergency. A situation wherein the Mayor of the City of Stamford has declared an emergency due to an expected or actual accumulation of snowfall or icing conditions such that effective and efficient removal and/or sanding and salting is necessary to ensure public safety.

Snow emergency route. A city street that has been designated by ~~a resolution of the City of Stamford Traffic Commission~~ the Director of Operations as a snow emergency route.

Sec. 231-48. - Power to declare; parking prohibited.

When, due to weather conditions, public safety requires the temporary suspension of parking within the whole or any portion of any designated street or highway of the city, the Mayor shall have the power to declare a snow emergency, and parking in said area(s) shall be prohibited or restricted.

Sec. 231-49. - Declaration; notice.

Declaration of a snow emergency shall be made, whenever practicable, at least three (3) hours in advance of the time that said snow emergency becomes effective. Notice of said declaration shall be given by publication in a newspaper or by broadcast through local radio stations.

Sec. 231-50. - Duration.

A declared snow emergency shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Mayor.

Sec. 231-51. - Establishment of snow emergency routes.

Whenever the ~~Traffic Commission~~ Director of Operations determines that parking on all or a portion of a city street during a snow emergency as declared by the Mayor of the City of Stamford would endanger the safety or welfare of the public, ~~said Commission~~ the Director of Operations may, by resolution, designate said street, or portion thereof, as a snow emergency route, and may specify the type of parking restriction to be in effect on such snow emergency route during a snow emergency. The Director of Operations shall notify the Board of Representatives of any such designation within ten (10) days of such designation.

Sec. 231-52. - Erection of signs and markings.

Upon the ~~Traffic Commission~~ Director of Operations designating a street or a portion thereof as a snow emergency route, ~~the said Director of Operations~~, or the designee of said Director, shall cause to be erected or installed adequate signs, marking and other devices to delineate that the subject area is a snow emergency route and the specific parking restriction to be in effect during a snow emergency. Said signs, markings and other devices shall also notify vehicle owners that their vehicles may be ticketed or towed for violating the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 231-53. - Violations and penalties.

The owner or operator of any vehicle parked on a snow emergency route during a snow emergency shall be in violation of this Article, and said vehicle shall be ticketed with a Class III offense under § 231-6A(2) of the Code of Ordinances and/or towed at the owner's expense.

Secs. 231-54 – Public Notice of Designation of Snow Emergency Routes.

- A. Designation of a street or a portion thereof as a snow emergency route shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation, specifying the parking restriction(s) to be enforced on such snow emergency route during a snow emergency. No city street shall be deemed a snow emergency route until ten (10) days after such public notice.
- B. A list of all streets or portions thereof designated as snow emergency routes, specifying the parking restriction(s) to be enforced on each such snow emergency route during a snow emergency shall be published annually during the month of October in a newspaper of general circulation and shall be posted on the City of Stamford website.

Secs. 231-55—231-64. - Reserved.