



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN

WHEREAS, Section 351.15 of the Codified Ordinance of the Village of Johnstown regulates snow emergency parking and towing; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Johnstown Council deems it necessary to amend Section 351.15, to allow for greater clarity and enforcement of the section during heavy snow; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN, Licking County, Ohio, as follows:

Section One: Wording to be removed is ~~struck~~. Wording to be added is *italicized*.

351.15 SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING.

(a) In order to facilitate the cleaning of streets and expedite the free flow of traffic, motor vehicles shall not be parked on any street within the Municipality or within the Businessman's Downtown Parking Lot at such times as *the Village Manager or his or her designee determines that an amount of snow has fallen in the Village requiring the plowing of streets in the Village, or at such time as the National Weather Service determines that two inches of snow has fallen in the Village or an adjacent jurisdiction* ~~United States Weather Bureau records indicate that two inches of snow has fallen or two inches of snow has fallen and there is a prospect of further snowfall~~. All vehicles parked prior to the time weather conditions prohibited parking must be removed by the owners or operators. Any motor vehicle parked in violation of this prohibition shall be removed at the order of the Chief of Police and shall subject the owner or operator to the fines provided herein.

(b) It is the responsibility of the owners or operators of motor vehicles to ascertain ~~weather~~ *whether* conditions require the removal of their motor vehicles from the streets and to remove all vehicles parked in violation of this section.

(c) When the *Village Manager or his or her designee determines that an amount of snow has fallen in the Village requiring the plowing of streets in the Village* ~~United States Weather Bureau records indicate that two inches of snow has fallen or two inches of snow has fallen and there is a prospect of further snowfall~~, the Chief of Police shall order the removal of all vehicles parked on the streets which have not been removed by the owners or operators. Such vehicles shall be removed to a motor vehicle pound as designated by the Traffic Code. Records shall be kept by the Police Department of all vehicles removed.

(d) Whoever violates this section is subject to the same penalties provided by law for illegal parking in normally regulated streets. In addition, where a car is towed to a motor vehicle pound, the car can be recovered only upon the payment of the towing and/or storage charges.

(e) The *Village may* ~~Police Department shall~~ use *all* available means to disseminate information as to the existence of weather conditions requiring removal of parked motor vehicles from the street,

including *social media, the Village's public website*, radio, television, newspapers, *or and* other available media to the extent feasible. The dissemination of this information, *or lack thereof*, does not relieve owners or operators of motor vehicles from the responsibility of ascertaining the existence of weather conditions requiring the removal of parked motor vehicles from the streets.

(f) The prohibitions in Section 351.15, Snow Emergency Parking, apply to any street located within the Municipal limits of the Village of Johnstown.

Section Two : It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that meetings of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the charter for the VILLAGE OF JOHNSTOWN.

Date of Introduction: February 20, 2018

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Effective Date: April 5, 2018

BY: Main

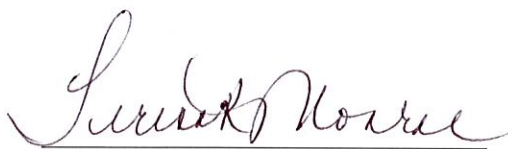


Mayor Benjamin Lee




ATTEST TO: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____



Teresa Monroe, Clerk of Council



Yazan Ashrawi, Law Director