

ORDINANCE NO.C-72-78

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT NEW CHAPTER 352 OF THE GROVE CITY
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES"

WHEREAS, in past winters it has proven difficult to keep streets clear of parked or abandoned vehicles during heavy snows; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to the daily operation of the street department to have these streets clear of parked vehicles during snow emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT

SECTION 1. Chapter 352 of the Grove City Ordinances and entitled "Snow Emergency Routes" is hereby enacted and shall read as follows:

Chapter 352. Snow Emergency Routes

352.01	Vehicle	352.04	Prohibited Parking
352.02	Snow Emergency	352.05	Removal of Vehicles
352.03	Establishment and Notice of Snow Emergency Routes	352.99	Penalty

352.01 VEHICLE.

"Vehicle" means any motor vehicle as defined in the Ohio Revised Code and any trailer, boat, or inoperable car, truck or camper.

352.02 SNOW EMERGENCY.

(a) Whenever snow falls in the City, or in any section thereof, to a depth of two (2) inches or more, a snow emergency is declared to exist in that such a depth of snow constitutes a serious public hazard, impairing transportation, the movement of food, fuel and other supplies, medical care, fire, health and police protection, and other vital facilities of the City. Such emergency shall continue until an announcement by the Mayor or his designate, that snow plowing operations have been completed.

(b) The Mayor or his designate shall make a reasonable effort to announce the existence of the emergency by the use of local press and radio and television stations, and shall make similar reasonable efforts to announce the termination of such emergency. The snow emergency shall be in effect until expressly lifted by the Mayor or his designate. However, owners and operators of motor vehicles shall have the responsibility to determine existing weather conditions and to comply with emergency parking regulations when such emergency is in effect.

352.03 ESTABLISHMENT AND NOTICE OF SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES.

The Director of Public Safety shall designate such major traffic arteries and other streets as he deems to be necessary thoroughfares for movement of vehicular traffic as snow emergency routes and shall cause all streets and roads to be marked and identified as Snow Emergency Routes by placing proper signs of sufficient size and legibility along such streets or roads in a sufficient number that will give proper and adequate notice to persons using such streets or roads that such street or roads are Snow Emergency Routes.

352.04 PROHIBITED PARKING.

During the emergency, no person shall park or cause or permit to be parked, or permit to remain parked, or abandon or leave unattended any vehicle of any kind or description, upon such specified streets. However, vehicles may be parked for a period of not longer than three (3) minutes for actual loading or unloading of passengers, or thirty (30) minutes for actual loading or unloading of property, provided that an operator of such vehicle is immediately available, and provided further that no other ordinance restricting parking as to time or place is violated thereby.

352.05 REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.

(a) The Director of Public Safety, Police Chief, Acting Police Chief or any member of the Division of Police are hereby authorized to remove or provide for the removal of any vehicles parked on any street or road designated as a snow emergency route during a period of snow emergency.

(b) Any cost incurred in such removal and storage shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle and such cost shall be in addition to any fines or penalties which may be imposed on the owner or operator of such vehicle for violation of emergency snow route parking regulations.

353.06 PENALTY

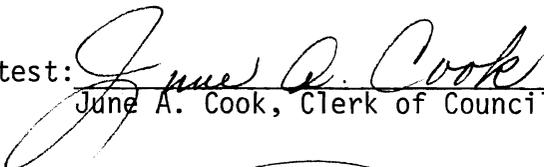
See Section 303.99 for misdemeanor classifications and penalties.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

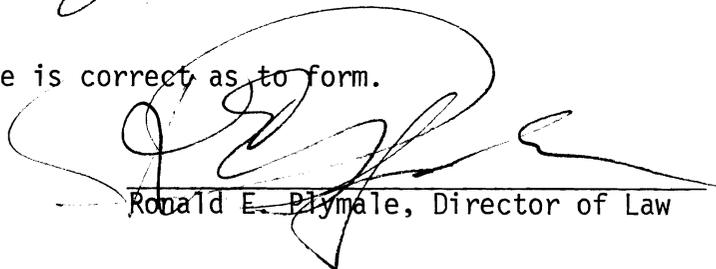
Submitted: 10/16/78
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Effective: 12/6/78


Robert E. Evans, President of Council


Michael T. Brandt, Mayor

Attest: 
June A. Cook, Clerk of Council

I Certify that this ordinance is correct as to form.


Ronald E. Plymale, Director of Law