

CODE OF ORDINANCES
City of JACKSON, MICHIGAN
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ARTICLE II. SNOW EMERGENCY ALERT*

***Editor's note**--Ord. No. 99-11, §§ 1--8, adopted June 15, 1999, set out provisions for the declaration and implementation of a snow emergency alert. To maintain the numeric sequencing of this Code, these provisions have been included as §§ 9-26--9-33 at the editor's discretion to read as herein set out. See the Code Comparative Table.

Sec. 9-26. Snow emergency.

The purpose of this article is to expedite the prompt removal of all parked and stalled vehicles from city streets, during periods of heavy snowfall, when such vehicles impede snow removal operations and cause serious traffic congestion; and to authorize the city manager, or the manager's designee, to declare a snow emergency alert during such periods the interest of preserving and protecting the public health, safety and welfare. (Ord. No. 99-11, § 1, 6-15-99)

Sec. 9-27. Definitions.

(Ord. No. 99-11, § 2, 6-15-**Sec**

The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall, for the purpose of this chapter, have the following meanings:

City means the City of Jackson, Jackson County,

Motor vehicle means every self-propelled conveyance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on land.

Park, parked or parking means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, other than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers or when stopped for making necessary repairs.

Person means every natural person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation and their respective agents.

Street, road or avenue means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to use by the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

Sec 9-28. Snow emergency alert/declaration.

Whenever snow has accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to such a depth that extraordinary snow removal operations will be required on city streets, the city manager or the manager's designee may declare a snow emergency alert, and

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until such snow emergency alert is terminated it shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle to park a motor vehicle upon any street, road or avenue within the city, as hereinafter provided.

(Ord. No. 99-11, § 4, 6-15-99)

Sec. 9-29. Snow emergency alert/notice of declaration and termination.

Upon declaring a snow emergency alert, the city manager or the manager's designee shall forthwith cause appropriate notice of such alert to be publicly announced by means of broadcasts or telecasts from radio or television stations which normally cover the city, and shall also cause such declaration to be further announced in a newspaper of general circulation, if feasible. In addition, any other reasonable means may be used to publicly announce such emergency snow alert. Whenever the city manager or the manager's designee finds that the conditions which gave rise to a snow emergency alert no longer exist, the snow emergency alert shall be terminated by notice given substantially in the same manner it was declared; provided, however, that any street which has become clear of accumulations of snow and ice from curb to curb for the length thereof lying between two successive street intersections shall be automatically excluded from any parking restriction imposed by this article.

(Ord. No. 99-11, § 4, 6-15-

Sec. 9-30. Time limit for removal of parked vehicles/impoundment.

After the initial notice of a snow emergency alert has been given as provided by this article, any motor vehicle parked on any street, road or avenue within the city shall be removed in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) Within six (6) hours for any motor vehicle parked on state trunk lines and streets designated as major streets by the city's street plan; and
- (2) Within twenty-four (24) hours for any motor vehicle parked on streets designated as local streets or alleys by the city's street plan.

Any vehicle parked on any street, road or avenue in violation of the provisions of this section may be removed and impounded by order of the police department, and the owner shall be required to pay towing, impounding and storage costs prior to the return of the vehicle in addition to any fines and costs which may be assessed for a violation of this article.

(Ord. No. 99-11, § 5, 6-15-99)

Sec. 9-31. Violation/presumption that owner parked vehicle.

In any proceeding for a violation of this article, proof that the motor vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of this article, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time of such violation

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the registered owner of said motor vehicle shall constitute a presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred.

Sec. 9-32. Other parking restrictions remain in force.

Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is prohibited by any other provision of law. (Ord. No. 99-11, § 7, 6-15-99)

Sec. 9-33. Violation deemed civil infraction/penalty.

Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be deemed to have committed a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), plus costs. (Ord. No. 99-11, § 8, 6-15-99)