

ARTICLE III
Snow Emergencies
[Adopted 6-1-70 as Ord. No. 194]

§ 103-46. Definitions.

The following words, when used in the ordinance shall, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, mean or include as follows:

CITY - The City of Shamokin.

PERSON - Any natural person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation.

STREET - Every way or place of whatever nature, within the City of Shamokin, open to the use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel or parking, including public streets, municipal parking lots and streets which approach a dead end. **[Amended 5-8-78 by Ord. No. 253]**

VEHICLE - Any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public street.

§ 103-47. Snow emergency.

- A. A snow emergency shall exist whenever snow is falling within the city; whenever there is a covering or coating of newly fallen snow upon some or all the streets, highways and sidewalks of the city; or whenever the Mayor or Director of Streets declares a snow emergency to exist. The Mayor or Director of Streets is authorized to declare a snow emergency to exist whenever he receives a recognized firm forecast of snow from a recognized forecasting service. Snow emergency regulations shall be in effect from the time they give effective notice by issuing press releases to local television station, radio station and newspaper, which notice shall be effective upon broadcast or other publication.
- B. A snow emergency shall continue in full force and effect on any snow emergency route until:
- (1) The Mayor or the Director of Streets declares it to be over and gives notice thereof by issuing press releases to local TV station, radio station and newspaper, which notice shall be effective upon broadcast or other publication; or
 - (2) If snow is no longer falling, until snow is removed therefrom.

§ 103-48. Parking and traffic restrictions and prohibitions: resumption of parking.

During snow emergency, no vehicle shall be parked on any snow emergency route and no person shall operate any vehicle on any snow emergency route without skid chains or winter tires (winter-type snow and mud tires.) For the purpose of this ordinance, "winter-type snow and mud tires" are defined as any new, recapped, retreaded or rebuilt tires for drive wheels of motor vehicles, said tires having antiskid patterns, impressed or cut into the threaded surface to form bars, buttons or blocks, especially designed to give effective traction on snow, mud or ice covered streets.

§ 103-49. Snow emergency routes.

- A. The following streets are designed as snow emergency routes and shall be posted with the appropriate signs at intervals not exceeding six hundred (600) feet, which signs shall bear the words, "SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE" along with other instructions.
- (1) Independence Street Between Sixth and Shamokin.

- (2) Sunbury Street Between Sixth and Mt. Carmel Streets.
- (3) Mt. Carmel Street Between Sunbury and City Line East.
- (4) Spruce Street Between Market and Second Streets.
- (5) Second Street Between Spruce and City Line North.
- (6) Walnut Street Between First and Market Streets.
- (7) Shamokin Street Between Sunbury and Race Streets.
- (8) Race Street Between Shamokin and City Line East.
- (9) Market Street Between Sunbury and Bear Valley Avenue.
- (10) Bear Valley Avenue Between Market and City Line South.
- (11) Water Street Between Market and Rock Streets.
- (12) Lincoln Street Between Market and Terrace Avenue.
- (13) Spurzheim Street Between Terrace Avenue and Franklin Street.
- (14) Commerce Street Between Shamokin and Mt. Carmel Streets.

§ 103-50. Parking unlawful when streets posted for snow removal.

In the event that any street is scheduled by the Mayor or his duly designated representative for snow removal by the posting of said street with notice of snow removal, twelve (12) hours following said posting it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to park a vehicle at or fail to remove a vehicle from any place along said street. This restriction shall remain in force until the snow removal has been completed or the posting has been removed by authorized persons.

§ 103-51. Removal and impoundment of vehicles. [Amended 5-8-1978]

Any vehicle parked in violation of § 103-48, 103-49 or 103-50 of this ordinance may be removed by any member of the Shamokin Police Department or his designee. Any vehicle removed may be towed to and placed at any area designated by the Mayor or his duly designated representative for impounding of vehicles. All costs for removal, towing, storage or parking of any vehicle removed under the provisions of § 103-48 or 103-50 of this ordinance shall be paid by the owner of said vehicle, and the vehicle shall remain impounded until all costs are paid.

§ 103-52. Deposit of snow on right-of-way prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove snow or ice from private property and to put, place, deposit or cause to be put, placed or deposited snow or ice so removed upon the right-of-way of any street.

§ 103-53. Deposit of snow in street prohibited; exception.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed snow or ice from any sidewalk or footway and put, place, deposit or cause to be put, placed or deposited snow or ice so removed upon that portion of the street normally used for the travel of vehicles.

B. This section (§ 103-53) shall not be in force and effect in areas where curbside parking is prohibited and there is no available private property upon which to put, place or deposit snow or ice so removed.

§ 103-54. Penalties for violation. [Amended 5-8-1978; 6-11-1990]

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before any District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.) and not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.) and costs of prosecution and/or suffer imprisonment for up to one hundred eighty (180) days, or both. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a new and separate offense, and the person or persons allowing the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

§ 103-55. Repealer

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

§ 103-56. Severability.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional or illegal, the validity of any of the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby. It is hereby expressly declared as the intent of Council that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional or illegal provision or provisions not been included herein.

§ 103-57. When effective.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the passage thereof.