

478.980 Definitions

As used herein, the terms (a) "vehicle" shall mean every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks; (b) "street" or "highway" is the entire width between boundary lines of any way or place when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular traffic; (c) "fully plowed" shall mean that snow emergency plowing has been completed to the full width of that side of the street for which parking is prohibited by this chapter; (d) "non-snow emergency route" shall mean all streets and highways other than those posted as a snow emergency route; (e) "winter season" shall mean the period of time beginning November 1st through April 1st of the following calendar year.

478.990 Declaration of snow emergency

Whenever in the opinion of the city engineer ~~and the chief of police~~ an emergency exists in the city, or in a section or sections thereof, because of snow, freezing rain, sleet, ice, snowdrifts or other natural phenomena which create, or are likely to create, hazardous road conditions impeding, or likely to impede, the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic, or the safety and welfare of the community, the city engineer ~~and the chief of police~~ may declare an emergency to exist for a period of seventy-two (72) hours, but such emergency may be sooner terminated if conditions permit. Notice of such emergency shall be given by press, radio or television, which news media shall be requested to cooperate with the city officials and, when given, such notice shall constitute due and proper notice.

~~The emergency declaration provided for in this section may be limited to the streets designated as snow emergency routes.~~

478.1000 Snow emergency parking restrictions

(a) ~~Upon the declaration of a snow emergency by the city engineer and the chief of police, no person shall stop, stand, park or leave any vehicle or permit it to stand upon any street or highway which is a posted "snow emergency route" until the street has been fully plowed, but such restrictions are not to exceed a period of eleven (11) hours from the effective time of the declared snow emergency.~~ For a period of eleven (11) hours beginning at 9:00 p.m. on the day of the declaration of a snow emergency by the city engineer, no person shall stop, stand, park or leave any vehicle or permit it to stand upon any street or highway which is a posted "snow emergency route" until the street has been fully plowed.

(b) For a period of twelve (12) hours beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the morning ~~next~~ following such declaration of a snow emergency or until the street has been fully plowed, vehicle parking on ~~streets and highways other than posted "snow emergency routes"~~ non-snow emergency routes shall be prohibited on the side of the street or highway with even-numbered addresses. This paragraph shall not apply to the Minneapolis parkway system.

(c) For a period of twelve (12) hours beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the second morning following such declaration of a snow emergency or until the street has been fully plowed, vehicle parking on ~~streets and highways other than posted "snow emergency routes"~~ non-snow emergency routes

shall be prohibited on the side of the street or highway with odd-numbered addresses. This paragraph shall not apply to the Minneapolis parkway system.

~~(d) In any winter season following the declaration of any snow emergency by the city engineer and the chief of police, the engineer and chief may impose a parking restriction on nonsnow emergency routes to be effective immediately following the snow emergency that prohibits vehicle parking on that side of all streets with even numbered addresses.~~

~~The "winter season" as used in this subdivision shall mean that period from November 1st to April 1st.~~

~~Once imposed, the foregoing parking restriction shall remain continuously in effect from and after the date they are effective for the remaining portion of the winter season or until the restriction is removed as follows: The city engineer and chief of police may, at any time during the winter season, act jointly to remove the parking restriction for the remainder of the winter season.~~

~~All persons parking vehicles or permitting vehicles to be parked on streets and highways other than snow emergency routes and the Minneapolis parkway system shall comply with this subdivision and all parking regulations imposed pursuant hereto.~~

~~The chief of police and city engineer shall give notice of the imposition and removal of the parking restriction imposed by this section through the press, radio or television and shall request the news media to cooperate with the city in conveying notice to the public.~~

~~(e) In any given winter season, as defined in subdivision (d), upon the receipt of an official National Weather Service storm forecast of a snow accumulation of five (5) or more inches, the city engineer may announce that there shall be a temporary ban on residential street parking, which ban shall prohibit parking for a forty eight hour period commencing at a time specified by the city engineer, but not less than four (4) hours following said announcement. This temporary ban shall prohibit parking on the side of the street with even numbered addresses. The temporary ban may be rescinded at any time prior to the forty eight (48) hours if the plowing has been accomplished or the ban is no longer necessary. This subdivision (e) shall not affect other parking regulations and restrictions now or hereafter in effect. The temporary parking ban provided in this subdivision shall not apply to snow emergency routes nor to the Minneapolis parkway system, and shall not be placed in effect while the restrictions provided for in subdivision (d) are in effect.~~

~~(f) The procedures and restrictions set forth in sections 478.990 and 478.1000 of this Code may be waived by the city engineer and the chief of police only upon the consent of the mayor and/or president of the city council upon their finding that such waiver is in the best interests of the city.~~