

## Parking Ban on Town Roads During Winter Storms

### Purpose.

It is hereby declared to be in the best of the interest of the public safety, convenience and welfare of the Town to regulate and restrict the parking of vehicles on Town rights-of-way within the control and limits of said Town, during a period of snow emergency, so as not to impede the transportation and movement of food, fuel, medical care, fire, health, police protection, and other vital facilities of the Town.

### Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following definitions shall apply:

MOTOR VEHICLE or VEHICLE -- As defined in C.G.S. § 14-1(a)(47) and (90), as amended

PARKED VEHICLE -- As defined in C.G.S. § 14-1(57), as amended.

SNOW EMERGENCY -- A period of time as forecast by a contracted weather service or the United States Weather Bureau, during which period vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic is expected to be hazardous or congested due to the elements, and during which period the parking of vehicles could hinder, delay or obstruct the safe flow of such traffic and/or the proper cleaning, clearing and making safe of the public highways of the Town.

STREET -- Any approved public highway, road or street in the Town of Salem.

### 3. Declaration of snow emergency.

A. A snow emergency shall be declared by the Director of Public Works or his designee, either before, during or after a fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain, when in his sound judgment and discretion the circumstances warrant determination of such an emergency in the interest of safety upon the public roads of the Town.

B. The Director of Public Works shall cause public announcement of such determination of snow emergency prior to the time of becoming effective, after which time a snow emergency shall be in effect. The Director of Public Works shall determine when such emergency no longer exists and shall make public announcement of the same.

4. Parking restricted.

It shall be unlawful at any time during the period of any snow emergency under provisions of this article for the operator of a vehicle to allow, permit or suffer said vehicle to remain parked on any street in the Town of Salem. If the operator is not known, it shall be prima facie evidence that the registered owner is the operator as in accordance with C.G.S. § 14-107.

5. Vehicle owner.

In any prosecution or proceeding hereunder, the last registered owner, either by registration plate or vehicle identification number, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the owner of such vehicle left said vehicle at the place where such violation occurred.

6. Towing of vehicles; towing and storage charges.

A. Whenever any motor vehicle shall be found parked on any Town road during a period when parking is prohibited as herein set forth, such vehicle may be removed or conveyed under the direction of the First Selectman by means of towing the same.

B. Such removal shall be at the risk of the owner, and before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be permitted to remove the same from the custody of the First Selectman, he shall furnish evidence of his identity and ownership or right to possession and shall sign a receipt for said vehicle; and he shall pay a reasonable towing charge and a reasonable storage charge.

7. Penalties for offenses.

Any person found to be in violation of this article will be subject to a fine of \$35 and the issuance of an infraction complaint ticket in accordance with C.G.S. § 7-148, utilizing the current State of Connecticut Mail-In Violations and Infractions Schedule.

9. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**OFFENDER** -- Refers to the operator, if known, of any motor vehicle found to be in violation of § 370-10 or 370-11 of this article. If the operator is not known, it shall be prima facie evidence that the registered owner is the operator, as in accordance with C.G.S. § 14-107.

**PARK or PARKING** -- Defined in accordance with C.G.S. § 14-297(4) and shall mean to permit a motor vehicle to remain stationary upon the public highway, whether occupied or not, other than temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, receiving or discharging passengers or loading or unloading merchandise or goods, or in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.

