

CITY OF BUFFALO, IOWA
Ordinance 535

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE SNOW REMOVAL PROCESSES AND PARKING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUFFALO, IOWA:

2.1-2.1012 WHEN SNOWFALL OCCURS.

1. Regular Snowfall. When snowfall or ice accumulation occurs Public Works will push the north and west sides of the street first. When these areas are cleared, vehicle owners shall move to the opposite side of the street (south, and east).
2. Declaration of Snow Emergency. In the event of extreme snowfall, as determined by the Police Chief and/or Public Works Director. The Police Chief and/or Public Works Director is hereby empowered to declare a "snow emergency." Upon the declaration of snow emergency, all vehicles shall be parked off the street. Snow emergencies shall commence on 6:00pm on the day the snow emergency is declared and shall continue until 6:00pm of the following day.
 - a. Exception. If a resident does not have designated off street parking, they shall follow 2.1-2.1012(1). This exception must be approved by the Police Chief.
3. Enforcement. The Police Department shall be responsible for enforcement of the "regular snowfall" and "snow emergency" parking regulations. When a vehicle is parked in violation of such regulations, the Police Department shall first attempt to locate the owner of the vehicle to have the vehicle or equipment removed. If the owner cannot be located or, the owner fails to move the vehicle after notification, the vehicle or equipment shall be issued a Municipal Infraction citation subject to a fine in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). If the vehicle remains in violation and is not removed from the street, the Police Chief may order the removal of such vehicle or equipment from said street by direction of the Police Chief, without further notice to the vehicle's owner. Removal and storage shall be at the expense of the owner of said vehicle or equipment and the vehicle and/or equipment shall not be released to its owner except upon payment of all towing and storage charges.
 - a. Exception, if determined by the Police Chief a resident does not have sufficient off-street parking and does not comply with regular snowfall. The vehicle owner shall be issued a Municipal Infraction citation subject to a fine in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).


SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the Council the ___ day of _____ and **APPROVED** this ___ day of _____.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Buffalo, Iowa, this ____ day of ____.
Approved and signed by the Mayor of Buffalo, Iowa, this ____ day of

_____.



Sally Rodriguez, Mayor

Attest: Tanna Leonard
Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

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