

MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN
A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 16-13 of 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR OPERATION AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES AS DEFINED HEREIN AND DESIGNATED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF NORRISTOWN, DURING SNOW AND ICE STORMS AND DURING SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM MUNICIPAL STREETS AND SETTING FORTH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME, REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Snow Emergencies. In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on the streets and roads of the Municipality, Municipal Council, in its discretion, may declare a snow or ice emergency (hereinafter referred to as a “snow emergency”). A snow emergency shall be defined as any weather condition in which any accumulation of snow or sleet greater than six (6) inches has fallen or is predicted to fall. Information on the existence of a snow emergency shall be given by the Borough through radio, community access media, the Municipality’s website and any official social media pages for the Municipality, the Police Department and the Fire Department, “Montco Ready Notify” (reverse 911 messaging), in addition to posting at Borough Hall and information regarding the termination of the emergency shall be given by the use of the same media.

- A. After any snow emergency is declared, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the emergency, for any person
1. To park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route designated in subsection 3, below; or
 2. To drive any motor vehicle on any such snow emergency route, unless that vehicle is equipped with snow tires or chains.
 3. The following are designated as snow emergency routes:
 - a. Main St. –From East Municipality Limits to Forest Ave.
 - b. DeKalb St. - From South Municipality limits to Johnson Hwy.
 - c. Swede St. – From Lafayette St to Markley St.
 - d. Marshal St. - From New Hope St to Forest Ave.
 - e. Sterigere St. – From Harding Blvd. to Forest Ave.

- f. Airy St. – From Fornance St. to Forest Ave.
- g. Lafayette St. – From Ford St. to Markley St.
- h. Johnson Hwy. – From New Hope St to Chain St.

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- i. Chain St. – From Johnson Hwy to Harding Blvd.
- j. Harding Blvd – From Chain St. to Markley St.
- k. New Hope St. – From Marshall St. to Johnson Hwy.
- l. Fornance St. – From Harding Blvd. To Sandy Hill Rd.
- m. Stanbridge St. – From Jackson St to Sterigere St.
- n. Tremont Ave. - From Sandy Hill Rd. to Carmen Dr.

Continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of a violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

SECTION 2. Parking during snow storm and snow removal on streets not designated as snow emergency routes, or on all Municipal streets during snow storms in which a snow emergency has not been declared. During any snow storm (defined as any weather condition in which any accumulation of snow or sleet greater than two inches (2”) has fallen or is predicted to fall, or in which there has been or is predicted any accumulation of ice) parking shall be regulated on all Municipal streets as follows:

- A. During the course of any snow storm, parking shall be prohibited on Municipal streets as posted until such time as plowing, salting and/or cindering is completed. The Municipality will notify residents when their streets are cleaned.
- B. At all times during and after any snow storm, it shall be prohibited for any person to shovel, push, throw, or plow snow from a sidewalk, driveway, lot, or any other area into the street.
- C. Municipal police are hereby authorized to have any vehicle parked in violation of this Section towed away at the expense of the owner of said vehicle.
- D. There is, upon conviction, hereby imposed a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for any violation of the provisions of this Section. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of a violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

SECTION 3. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance that is in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed. All ordinances not inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

- A. If at any time during a period of snow emergency declared under this Section a person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked anywhere along a snow emergency route, the person shall be guilty of a violation of this section, and upon conviction, shall be fined as set forth in Section F below.
- B. If, at any time during a period of snow emergency declared under this Section, a person shall drive a motor vehicle upon a snow emergency route, without having that vehicle equipped with snow tires or chains plus adequate equipment to provide sufficient traction to keep such vehicle in motion so that other traffic on such roadways will not be blocked or impeded, that person shall be guilty of a violation of this Section, and, upon conviction, shall be fined as set forth in Subsection F hereinbelow.
- C. Any person who operates a motor vehicle upon any road or street or portion thereof listed in Subsection A, above, which vehicle shall become stalled upon any of the roads, streets or portions thereof listed above during a period of emergency declared as provided by this Section, if such stalling shall have been by reason of failure to have such vehicle equipped with the equipment prescribed in subsection C above, shall be guilty of a violation of this Section, and, upon conviction, shall be fined as set forth in Subsection G hereinbelow, and assessed costs for removal of said vehicle from the road or street.
- D. The Municipal Police are hereby authorized to have any cars parked in violation of this Section towed away at the expense of the owner.
- E. In order to assist operators of motor vehicles in determining the highways affected by this Section, there shall be placed, on signs on the roads and streets designated in Subsection A, above, signs reading as follows:

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE
SNOW TIRES OR CHAINS REQUIRED
NO PARKING DURING EMERGENCY
VEHICLES TOWED AWAY

- F. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, any person who shall be convicted of violated or failing to comply with the provisions of this Section before any District Justice shall be punishable by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00), together with costs of prosecution and costs for towing and storing the vehicle(s).

SECTION 4. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective five days following its legal enactment, and shall remain in force until modified, amended or rescinded by the Municipality of Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED by this 4th day of October, 2016.

Seal:

**Municipality of Norristown
Municipal Council**

By: _____

Sonya Sanders
Council President

Attest _____

Crandall O. Jones, ICMA - CM
Municipal Administrator

