

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING AND OPERATION OF VEHICLES UPON STREETS DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES WHEN SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS ARE NECESSARY. AUTHORIZING CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DECLARE A TRAFFIC EMERGENCY AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HUTCHINSON, KANSAS:**

Section 1. Findings of the Governing Body. The Council finds that parking and operation of vehicles on certain streets covered by a heavy accumulation of snow is a matter affecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Hutchinson, Kansas, for the reason that parked and stalled vehicles impede snow removal operations and cause serious traffic congestion.

Section 2. Declaration of Traffic Emergency. Whenever snow has accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to such a depth that snow removal operations will be required, the City Administrator, or in his absence the Public Works Supervisor, may declare a traffic emergency and until such traffic emergency is terminated it shall be unlawful:

- a. To park a vehicle on any street designed an emergency snow route in Section 5 of this Ordinance.
- b. To operate a motor vehicle on any emergency snow route unless it is capable of safely traveling through the designated emergency snow route and will not impede snow removal or cause a traffic hazard.

Section 3. Notice of Parking Emergency. Termination. Upon declaring a traffic emergency the City Administrator shall forthwith cause appropriate notice thereof to be given through the local press, cable TV and/or other media. The parking emergency shall be terminated by notice given substantially in the same manner as the parking emergency was declared.

Section 4. Removal of Parked Vehicles. All vehicles parked on emergency snow routes must be removed within two (2) hours after notice of a traffic emergency has been given. Any vehicle parked on an emergency snow route after such period of time may be removed or caused to be removed by a police officer, to the nearest garage or other place of safety and the vehicle may not be recovered until the towing charges have been paid.

Section 5. Emergency Snow Routes; Establishment, Signs. The following streets are hereby established as emergency snow routes within the city:

- a. Main Street from South City limits to Woodie Seat River Bridge.
- b. Blanchard Avenue from West City limits to Plum Street.
- c. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from West City limits to Poplar Street.
- d. Poplar Street from Wabash Avenue to Kansas Avenue.

- e. Kansas Avenue from Poplar Street to Frank Hart Bridge.
- f. State Street from Main Street to Poplar Street.
- g. F Avenue from Main Street to Scott Boulevard.
- h. Scott Boulevard from F Avenue to 50 Highway Overpass.
- i. Detroit Drive from Main Street to Des Moines Avenue.
- j. Des Moines Avenue from Main Street to Detroit Drive.
- k. Sunnydell Circle from Blanchard Avenue to Friendship Road.
- l. Friendship Road from Blanchard Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- m. City Office Building and Public Safety Building parking areas.
- n. Public Works Drive from Plum Street to the WW Plant.

The City shall erect snow route signs at these locations.

Section 6. Snow Disposal. Snow removed from driveways and sidewalks of private property will be placed on unpaved right of way or individual's property.

Section 7. Penalty. Any operator of a vehicle who shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and summary publication once in the official city newspaper.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.**

ATTEST:

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Pete Murray, Mayor

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Denise McCue, City Clerk