

An Ordinance of the Borough of Lititz Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Chapter 115. Article 10.1. Vehicles and Traffic

Section 115.13. Snow Emergency Procedures and Routes

Section 115-13 (A). Definitions.

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

CHAINS

At least six cross-chains per driving wheel.

SNOW

Any precipitation depositing any accumulation on the streets and sidewalks of the Borough of Lititz, such as snow, sleet, hail, ice and freezing rain.

SNOW EMERGENCY

A local or state declaration, as herein described, under which road conditions are hazardous for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE

All streets within the Borough of Lititz so designated and marked as hereinafter set forth.

SNOW TIRES

Tires on driving wheels having treads designed for use in snow, which tires must be in such condition as to serve the purpose for which they were designed.

VEHICLES

All self-propelled motorized vehicles using streets and/or highways of or within the Borough of Lititz.

§ 115-13 (B). When regulations are effective.

The Mayor or the Mayor's designee is authorized to declare the snow emergency regulations of this article when one of the following is in effect:

1. Whenever there exists upon the streets and sidewalks of the Borough of Lititz a covering, coating or accumulation of snow which, for the effective removal thereof, requires prohibitions against parking of vehicles; or
2. Whenever the Mayor or the designee has received from a recognized weather forecasting service a firm forecast of snow which could present significant travel hazard.

§ 115-13 (C). Declaration of snow emergency.

1. A declaration of snow emergency may be made by the Mayor or the designee at his or her discretion, in order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards or imminent hazards of excessive snow and ice on streets named as snow emergency routes in §115-13(D) hereof. Additionally, any snow emergency declared by the Governor which includes Lancaster County will also enact a snow emergency within the Borough of Lititz.
2. The Mayor or the designee shall, inform the public of a snow emergency and the effective time thereof by issuing press releases to local radio, television and news services which have a normal operating range covering the Borough of Lititz.
3. The snow emergency shall continue in full force and effect until the Mayor, designee, or Governor declares it to be over in the same manner as it was declared.
4. The announcement of the commencement time and termination time of a snow emergency may be made simultaneously by the Mayor or the designee in place of or in addition to any announcement of termination.
5. Announcements of temporary bans against parking as set forth in §115-13(F) of this article shall be made in the same manner as announcements of snow emergencies.

§ 115-13 (D). Designation of snow emergency routes and marking of streets.

1. The following streets are hereby designated as snow emergency routes:

Name of Street	Location
Broad St	All
Front St	Broad to Water
E Main St	All
Orange St	All
W Lemon St	All
E Second Ave	All
Water Street	All
S Oak	All
North Lane	Water Street to WCAA Parking Lot

W Second

W Orange and W Lemon

2. All streets designated as snow emergency routes shall be posted with approved signs or markers at intervals not more than one per block but to not exceeding 1,000 feet. The signs or markers shall bear words "snow emergency route."

§ 115-13 (E). Parking and traffic restrictions and prohibitions; resumption thereof.

1. Beginning with the effective time of a snow emergency, as declared and announced by the Mayor of the designee and continuing until the snow emergency has been terminated:
 - (a) No person shall operate a vehicle on any snow emergency route in such manner or in such condition as to allow or permit such vehicle to become stalled on such snow emergency route either by reason of the fact that the driving wheels are not equipped with chains or snow tires, by the exhaustion of fuel supply to the vehicle or by the abandonment of the vehicle.
 - (b) No person shall park or permit to remain parked any vehicle, boat, boat trailer or any trailer used for the purposes of hauling vehicles or other items on a snow emergency route until announcement has been made of the termination of the snow emergency and its corresponding prohibition against parking on snow emergency routes.
 - (c) When a snow emergency has not been declared and announced by 11:00 p.m., the parking prohibitions set forth above shall not apply until 8:00 a.m. the next day.
2. Whenever a Designee finds that the conditions which gave rise to the snow emergency no longer exist, a Designee is authorized to declare a termination of the snow emergency effective immediately upon any announcement of the same.

§ 115-13 (F). Temporary bans on parking.

1. A Designee shall be authorized to declare a temporary ban on parking of vehicles on any street within the Borough of Lititz whenever a snow emergency has been declared. A Designee shall make an announcement thereof and in such announcement shall state the time and streets upon which parking of vehicles shall be prohibited.
2. The declaration and announcement of the temporary ban on parking shall be made not less than four hours prior to its becoming effective.

3. Upon such declaration and announcement, the Borough of Lititz shall place temporary signs prohibiting parking on the streets so designated, which signs shall be posted no less than four hours prior to the time the prohibition is to become effective.

§ 115-13 (G). Removal and impounding of vehicles during snow emergency.

1. The Borough shall have the authority to remove and impound, or to order the removal and impounding, of any vehicle parked on a snow emergency route during a snow emergency declared pursuant to §115-13(C) hereof.
2. In the event that a vehicle is towed pursuant to this section, then, in addition to any other penalties set forth in §115-13(H) hereof, prior to the owner of such vehicle regaining possession of said vehicle or upon assessment of the penalty pursuant to §115-13(H) hereof, the owner shall pay to the Borough of Lititz the costs incurred by the Borough in causing such removal and storage, which shall be in addition to any penalties assessed pursuant to §115-13(H).
3. In the event that that the owner of said vehicle fails and refuses to claim such vehicle, then the Borough shall, in addition to all other rights granted herein and by law, be entitled to pursue a civil action against said owner for the cost of towing and storage of said vehicle. Neither the Borough nor its employees or contractors shall have any liability for any damage to any vehicle parked in violation of this article occurring to such vehicle by reason of the Borough's removal of such vehicle from its parking location and/or by reason of the Borough's road maintenance and/or snow removal activities or operations.
4. Dumpsters on snow emergency routes. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or permit to remain placed any dumpster on a designated snow emergency route at any time from December 1 through March 31, except through the acquisition of a special exemption granted by the Police Chief or Police Sergeant, and then only for the specified time that is approved.

§ 115.13 (H). Violations and Penalties.

The owner of any vehicle removed and impounded under §115-13(G) shall be assessed a fine as set by resolution of Borough Council from time to time.

Any person, partnership, business, corporation or other entity violating the provisions of this article, upon the issuance of a citation and conviction by a District Justice, shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall pay a fine of not more than \$100. Each day a violation exists shall be considered a separate violation, subject to the same fines as set forth herein. It shall not be

necessary to issue a separate citation for each day, but one citation can issued to cover multiple days of violations. The Borough of Lititz hereby authorizes the Borough Manager, Secretary, Code Enforcement Officer or any duly and constituted police officer or parking enforcement officer to issue citations for violations of this article.

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