

ORDINANCE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 44-38 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding parking during heavy snow fall.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 44-38 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 44-38. Emergency regulations.

- (a) When necessary for the cleaning, clearing or repairing of, ~~or the removal of snow or ice from~~ any street, or for other emergency or special conditions, the Chief of Police, or designated subordinates, is hereby authorized to make temporary regulations of traffic and parking as conditions require. Notice shall be given of any such regulations by the posting, within a reasonable time before such regulations are to become effective. Such notice shall be given by reasonably conspicuous signs or by other appropriate and convenient means.
- (b) Declaration of emergency snow removal. Whenever in the opinion of the Superintendent of Streets, or that person's designee, an emergency exists in the city because of snow, snow drifts or other natural phenomena which would create or will likely create hazardous road conditions impeding or likely to impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic or otherwise endanger the safety or welfare of the community, such official may declare an snow removal emergency to exist. An accumulation of twelve (12) or more inches of snow on roadways for any part of the City of La Crosse is hereby declared as adequate reasoning for the declaration of a snow removal emergency. Notice of such snow removal emergency shall be given by press, radio or television, which news media shall be requested to cooperate with city officials and when given, such notice shall constitute due and proper notice. When in the opinion of such official that such snow removal emergency conditions no longer exist for the aforesaid snow removal emergency he/she is authorized to terminate the emergency period. Notice of the snow removal emergency will be provided at least six (6) hours prior to the removal or towing of any vehicle in violation of this section.
- (c) Emergency Snow Removal. Whenever a snow removal emergency is declared, the following regulations shall immediately be in effect on all streets in the city of La Crosse. Such regulations shall apply as follows:
- a. The provisions of this section shall only be in effect between 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM.
  - b. No vehicle shall be parked or left standing on any city street between the hours of 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
  - c. Upon removal of snow from the entire length of the block face from one side of the street, vehicles can immediately resume parking on that side of the street without being in violation of this section.
  - d. Upon removal of snow from both sides of the street on the entire block face, vehicles can resume parking on both sides of the street without being in violation of this section.
- (b)(d) The Public Works Traffic Engineer, Superintendent of Streets, Parking Utility and Parks and Recreation Departments shall each have concurrent authority with the Chief of Police and designated subordinates to make emergency regulations as provided in subsection (a)

of this section when any of said departments are performing work assigned to said department upon, under or above any street or public place, when such work might constitute a hazard to traffic. The department concerned shall give notice of such regulations in the manner prescribed in subsection (a) of this section.

e(e) No person shall violate any such emergency regulation.

(f) Vehicles stopped--Removal. In the event any vehicle is stopped, parked, abandoned or left unattended in violation of this Section, the Superintendent of Streets, or the Chief of Police, including also all the employees of the streets department, and the police department of the city, are authorized to remove or cause to be removed any such vehicle and to have such vehicle towed away in addition to the penalties imposed under section 44-1.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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Timothy Kabat, Mayor

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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

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