

## City of Winchester Snow Ordinances

### Sec. 14-32. Snow emergency routes designated.

The following streets within the City are to be designated as snow emergency routes and posted according to state standards at intervals of not less than 1,500 feet as specified in the Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways:

- (1) *Amherst Street*, from Boscawen Street to Route 37 (U. S. Route 50).
- (2) *Boscawen Street*, from Braddock to Amherst Street (U. S. Route 50).
- (3) *Braddock Street*, from Boscawen Street to Valley Avenue (U.S. Routes 50 and 11).
- (4) *Valley Avenue*, from Loudoun Street to corporate limits (U.S. Route 11).
- (5) *Gerrard Street*, from Braddock Street to Cameron Street (U.S. Routes 50 and 11).
- (6) *Millwood Avenue*, from Cameron Street to Frontage Road (U.S. Routes 17 and 50).
- (7) *Cameron Street*, from Gerrard Street to Loudoun Street (U.S. Route 11).
- (8) *Loudoun Street*, from Cameron Street to corporate limits (U.S. Route 11).
- (9) *Fairmont Avenue*, from Piccadilly Street to corporate limits (U.S. Route 522).
- (10) *Piccadilly Street*, from Fairmont Avenue to East Lane (U.S. Routes 50, 7, and 522).
- (11) *East Lane*, from Piccadilly Street to National Avenue (U.S. Route 7).
- (12) *National Avenue*, from East Lane to Berryville Avenue (U.S. Route 7).
- (13) *Berryville Avenue*, from National Avenue to Ross Street (U.S. Route 7).
- (14) *Stewart Street*, from Gerrard Street to Boscawen Street.
- (15) *Washington Street*, from Gerrard Street to Fairfax Lane.
- (16) *Cork Street*, from Washington Street to Academy Lane.
- (17) *Clifford Street*, from Washington Street to Handley Avenue. (Ord. of 6-14-78)

### Sec. 14-33. Operation of motor vehicles during snow emergency; clearing of streets; duration of emergency.

- (a) Whenever the City Manager declares snow plan B or C effective, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle, which is not equipped with effective tire chains or effective snow treads, on any of the streets or alleys within the City.
- (b) When snow plan B is declared, the public works department shall use the best possible equipment and methods to clear the streets and highways in the City, beginning with the snow emergency routes in the order listed in snow plan B.
- (c) Snow emergency procedures shall remain in effect until all snow emergency routes have been declared clear by the City Manager, not to exceed 24 hours from the last snow.
- (d) During the period from the time snow plan B is declared until the time snow emergency routes are declared clear, it shall be unlawful for any person to park or abandon a vehicle on any snow emergency route designated by this article, or to obstruct or impede traffic on any snow emergency route designated by this article, when such vehicle is not equipped with effective snow tires or chains.

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- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, upon information that a vehicle is parked, stalled, stuck or abandoned on any snow emergency route designated by this article, during the time snow plan B or C is in effect, the Chief of Police shall authorize immediate removal and storage of the vehicle.
  - (f) The cost of removing and storing any vehicles towed or otherwise removed under subsection (e) of this section shall be charged to the owner and shall be due and payable prior to the release of any such vehicle to the owner.
  - (g) Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be fined not more than \$25.00 for each offense. (Code 1959, § 22-21.2; Ord. of 6-14-78)

State law reference(s)—Regulation of operation of vehicles in snow, sleet, etc., Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1302.

### **Sec. 26-15. Duty of property owners or occupants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks.**

- (a) The owner or any person responsible for the care of any building or lot of land abutting on any curbed or paved sidewalk within the corporate limits of the city shall remove the snow or sleet from such sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow or sleet has ceased to fall when the total snow accumulation is six inches or less and within 48 hours after the snow or sleet has ceased to fall when the snow accumulation is greater than six inches. In cases of sleet or ice that cannot be removed without injury to the pavement of the sidewalk, the sidewalk shall be covered within 24 hours after the ice or sleet has ceased to fall with sawdust, ashes or some other material which will render the sidewalk safe for travel.
- (b) Where conditions set forth in subsection (a) above are not complied with, the Zoning Inspections Director or his designee shall immediately notify the owner or person responsible for care of the building or lot of land abutting the curbed or paved sidewalk. Such notification shall be served by a member of the Zoning and Inspections Department.
- (c) If the conditions set forth in subsection (a) are not complied with within 24 hours from the time of service of the notice provided in subsection (b), the City may cause the conditions to be complied with by hiring a contractor to remove the snow or sleet from the sidewalk. The cost thereof shall be charged to and collected from the owner of the property. Such collection may be affected in any manner provided by law including but not limited to the collection of state and local taxes. Every charge authorized by this section in excess of \$200.00 which has been assessed against the owner of any such property and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property. Such liens shall have the same priority as other unpaid local taxes and shall be enforceable in the same manner as provided in Code of Virginia § 58.1-3940 et seq. and § 58.1-3965 et seq. The City may waive such liens in order to facilitate the sale of the property. Such liens may be waived only as to a purchaser who is unrelated by blood or marriage to the owner and who has no business association with the owner. All such liens shall remain a personal obligation of the owner of the property at the time the liens were imposed. (Code 1959, § 22-21; Ord. of 6-14-78; Ord. No. 042-95, 9-12-95; Ord. No. 2013-33, 11-12-13)

State law reference(s)—Authority for above section, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-1115.

### **Sec. 26-16. Snow or ice not to be shoveled or deposited on travel lanes of streets.**

It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or any person having the care of any building or lot abutting on any street within the city or any other person to shovel or deposit any snow, ice or sleet into the travel lanes of the public streets. (Code 1959, § 22-21.1; Ord. of 6-14-78)