

ORDINANCE NO. 8, 2012 Series
CITY OF WINNEBAGO
COUNTY OF FARIBAULT
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING **CHAPTER 72: PARKING REGULATIONS OF TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE** OF THE WINNEBAGO CODE OF ORDINANCES

The City Council of the City of Winnebago Ordains:

Section 1. **SECTION 72.06 PARKING; EMERGENCY WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES OF CHAPTER 72: PARKING REGULATIONS OF TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE** is hereby created and shall read:

(A) *Application.* The driver, operator, or owner of any motor vehicle or vehicle within the city limits of the City of Winnebago shall conform to and observe the regulations set forth in this section.

(B) *Definition.* For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

EMERGENCY WEATHER CONDITION. A condition created on public rights-of-way because of the presence of snowfall in excess of 2 inches, freezing rain, sleet, or other natural phenomenon which create or are likely to create hazardous road conditions, and impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency, or vehicular traffic.

(C) *Declaration of emergency weather condition.* The Street Department Supervisor, or his or her designee, is granted the authority to declare emergency weather conditions. The announcement shall be made over local radio. The announcement may also be given via other means, but shall not replace the local radio. The announcement shall state the time period during which the conditions shall exist. The time period may be extended through a second announcement

(D) *Emergency weather parking regulations.* During emergency weather conditions it is unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle on any public street, avenue, or alley until the roadway has been fully and completely (curb-to-curb) cleaned. These parking regulations shall not apply to operators of wreckers or authorized emergency vehicles while actually serving mechanical, fire, medical, or police emergencies.

(E) *Removing and impounding vehicles.* Any vehicle which is left parked or standing on a public street during an emergency weather condition and in violation of this section is hereby declared a nuisance and shall be subject to a \$25 fine or an amount as affixed by the City

Council from time to time and may be subject to impounding. The owner of any vehicle impounded as a result of such nuisance shall be responsible for any and all costs related to the impounding of said vehicle. The fine imposed on a vehicle pursuant to this section shall not prevent or preclude the institution and prosecution of proceedings for violation of this section against the vehicle owner.

(F) *Public notice.* Notice of the emergency weather parking provisions shall be published in the official paper prior to November 1, every year. Notice shall also be posted at City Hall at the time of publication.

Section 2. This ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication

Passed by the City Council of the City of Winnebago, Minnesota, this 9th day of October, 2012.

Randy Nowak
Mayor

Attest:

Austin Bless
City Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer