

*City of Royal Oak, MI
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Chapter 625. SNOW EMERGENCIES

[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Royal Oak 3-9-1992 by Ord. No. 92-3. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Abandoned and inoperable vehicles — See Ch. 716.

§ 625-1. Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Snow Emergency Ordinance."

§ 625-2. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this chapter:

POLICE CHIEF

The Royal Oak Police Department Police Chief or his designated representative.

STREET

The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

§ 625-3. Parking prohibited during snow emergencies.

It shall be unlawful for a person to park or leave any vehicle on a street in the City of Royal Oak when a snow emergency has been declared.

§ 625-4. Public announcement of snow emergency.

The Chief of Police shall cause each declaration of a snow emergency to be publicly announced by means of broadcasts and/or telecasts from stations with a normal operating range covering the City, including cable television. The Chief of Police may cause such declaration to be further made in a newspaper of general circulation when feasible.

§ 625-5. Termination of prohibition.

Once in effect, the prohibition under this chapter shall remain in effect until terminated by announcement of the Police Chief in accordance with this chapter, except that any street which has become substantially clear of snow and ice from curb to curb for the length of the entire block shall be automatically excluded therefrom.

§ 625-6. Stalled or disabled vehicles.

Whenever a vehicle becomes stalled or disabled for any reason, whether or not in violation of this chapter, on any portion of a City street to which the parking prohibition applies, the person operating the vehicle shall take immediate actions to have the vehicle towed or pushed off the street. No person shall abandon or leave his or her vehicle in a City street (regardless of whether the person indicates, by raising the hood or otherwise, that the vehicle is stalled), except for the purpose of securing assistance during the actual time necessary to go to a nearby telephone or to a nearby garage, automobile service station or other place of assistance and return without delay.

§ 625-7. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates this chapter is responsible for a civil infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.

§ 625-8. Evidentiary presumption relating to parking or leaving vehicle.

In any proceeding for a violation of this chapter relating to the parking or leaving of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked or left in violation of this chapter, together with proof that the respondent named in the complaint was, at the time of such parking, the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or left such vehicle at the location such violation occurred.

§ 625-9. Impoundment of vehicle.

Any vehicle parked or left on any City street in violation of this chapter constitutes a public hazard and an obstruction of traffic and may be towed and impounded immediately. No person may recover any impounded vehicle without first paying the cost of removal and storage, notwithstanding, and apart from, any fine which may also be imposed for violation of this chapter.

§ 625-10. Exemptions; special parking permit.

An owner of a vehicle who occupies a premises that does not have a driveway shall be exempt from the requirement to move said motor vehicle in the event of a snow emergency. The owner of the vehicle, upon application to the Police Department, will receive a special parking permit which shall be displayed in the front-side window on the driver's side of the vehicle.