

ORDINANCE 2014.029

REGULATING PARKING DURING HEAVY SNOWFALL, AND REVOKING ORDINANCE NO. 96.002

Be it Ordained, by the Council of the Village of Blanchester, Ohio

Section I: That in order to facilitate the movement of traffic and protect the health, lives, safety and property of persons using streets and highways in the Village, and to combat the hazards of excessive snow and ice on said streets or portions thereof named in section 4 of this Ordinance, the Mayor at his or her discretion, after an accumulation of three (2) inches of snowfall may declare an emergency due to such hazards.

Section II: In addition to appropriate signage being placed along the specific routes specified in Section 4, the Village shall notify news media of the declared snow emergency, after which, it shall be unlawful during the period of the emergency for any person to park or cause or permit to remain parked his or her motor vehicle on those streets or portions thereof named in Section 4 hereof.

Section III: Any motor vehicle found parked on those streets or portions thereof in Section 4 hereof during the time of such emergency shall be removed by order of the Chief of Police and will be in violation of this Ordinance. In addition, where a motor vehicle is towed to a motor vehicle pound or other place for storage, the owner of said motor vehicle may recover the same only upon payment of the towing and storage charges imposed.

Section IV: The streets or portions thereof where parking is prohibited after a snow emergency has been declared are the following:

1. On Main Street from Columbus Street to Lazenby Street
2. On Broadway Street from Burroughs Street to Watkins Road
3. All of Columbus Street
4. All of Center Street
5. All of Baldwin Street
6. All of Fancy Street
7. Any other street or portions thereof as may be proclaimed by the Mayor.

Section V: It shall be the responsibility of the owners or operators of motor vehicles to ascertain whether weather conditions require the removal of their motor vehicles from the streets designated and to remove all motor vehicles parked in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance. The Village shall post signage pertaining to parking during snow emergencies and release through available news media the declaration of such emergency and the duration thereof.

Section VI: That the owner or Operator of any vehicle found parked on any street named in section 4 of this Ordinance during such a declared emergency shall be in violation of this Ordinance.