

**AN ORDINANCE  
TO AMEND SECTION 500-9(C) "PARKING PROHIBITED IN WINTER MONTHS"  
OF CHAPTER 500, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"  
OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN GENERAL ORDINANCES**

Sponsor: Ald. Raether  
Committee: Public Safety & Welfare Committee

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 500-9(C), "Parking Prohibited in Winter Months" is hereby amended to read and include as follows:

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**C. Parking prohibited in winter months.**

- (1) Declared snow emergency. No owner or operator of any vehicle shall park upon any public street, parking area among or within right-of-way or alley between November 1 and April 30, inclusive, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. during a declared snow emergency. A snow emergency may be declared by the Chief of Police or the Chief's delegate not later than 7:00 p.m. of the evening the snow emergency is to take effect. Such declaration shall be evidenced by express and logged notification being provided to the Police Department dispatchers by the Chief of Police or the Chief's delegate. The snow emergency shall be in effect for 48 hours after being declared, measured from the initial 11:00 p.m. time, and may be extended for additional twenty-four-hour increments if notice is so provided ~~by published notice in the local newspaper as required in Subsection C(1)(a) below.~~ A declared snow emergency shall go into effect for enforcement purposes upon either of the following conditions having been met:

[Amended 6-6-2017 by Ord. No. 17-13]

- (a) ~~Published notice~~ Notice of the declared snow emergency ~~shall occur on the City of Watertown Police Department website in the local newspaper~~ on the day prohibited parking begins and, if possible, ~~published notice may be broadcasted~~ through local radio, ~~or cable~~ television, placed on the City of Watertown's website or any other means available. ~~;~~ ~~or~~
- ~~(b) If timely newspaper publication is not possible and, at 9:00 p.m. on the evening prohibited parking begins, actual weather or street conditions are such that an ordinary person of reasonable care and prudence would know or ought to know that snowplowing will become necessary.~~

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**(2) Scope of declaration.**

- (b) Each initially declared snow emergency shall be for a period of 48 hours pursuant to Subsection C(1) above. If the determination is made by the Street Superintendent or his designee that, during the second twenty-four-hour period of the declared snow emergency, plowing operations will only be necessary within the Central City Snow Removal Area, he shall notify

the Chief of Police or his designee as to his determination. Once notified, the Chief of Police or his designee shall ensure that notice of the modified snow emergency is so provided as required in Subsection C(1)(a) above published in the local newspaper, accompanied by the Central City Snow Removal Area Map, ~~and, if possible, that notice be broadcast through local radio or cable television.~~

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SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

Adopted May 5, 2020

Signed- Elissa Friedl – Clerk/Treasurer

Approved May 5, 2020

Signed- Emily McFarland- Mayor

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