

**INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 34**

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 184 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”,  
SECTION 184-10 “TEMPORARY PARKING PROHIBITION FOR SNOW  
PLOWING AND REMOVAL” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
BLAIRSTOWN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Code contains a section regarding locations throughout the Township where parking is prohibited at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the input of the Director of the DPW, the Township Committee has reviewed the current Code and determined that it is necessary to amend the Code section to clarify parking restrictions related to regular snow events and snow emergency events; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Blairstown, Warren County, New Jersey, that Section 184-10 entitled “Temporary parking prohibition for snow plowing and removal” of the Code of the Township of Blairstown be an is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 184 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 184-10 “Temporary parking prohibition for snow plowing and removal” shall be amended to read as follows:

**§ 184-10 Temporary parking prohibition for snow plowing and removal.**

Article I. Snow fall not declared a snow emergency

A. Removal.

(1) Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets or highways, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on any municipal or county street, road or highway, except alternate side parking during the emergency shall be permitted on Main Street and Academy Street, in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Days</b>
Main Street	North	Entire length	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
Main Street	South	Entire length	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Academy Street	East	Main Street to Park Place	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
Academy Street	West	Main Street to Park Place	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

(2) The above parking prohibitions shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

B. Any unoccupied vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be deemed a nuisance inimical to the public health, safety and welfare and subject to ticketing or towing in the sound discretion of any police officer charged with enforcing this chapter. If a vehicle is towed, the owner shall be responsible for the reasonable cost of removal and storage prior to regaining possession of the same. Any ticket issued pursuant to this section shall be subject to the general penalty provision of the Code, Chapter 1, Article II, § 1-5, and a fine established in the sound discretion of the Municipal Court Judge.

Article II. Snow fall declared a snow emergency

A. What Constitutes a Snow Emergency

When a snowstorm occurs, as hereinafter set forth, which constitutes a serious public hazard impairing transportation, the movement of food and fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health, police protection and other vital facilities of the Township, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist. A snow emergency is hereby declared to exist within the municipal limits of the Township whenever there shall be a snowfall of three (3") inches or more, and such emergency shall be presumed to continue for a period of 72 hours after the cessation of said snowfall. The Director of Public Works, the Chief of Police and the Mayor shall confer before declaring a snow emergency; any of the three (3) may make the final determination with the consent of the others.

B. Parking Prohibited for 72 Hours or Until the Snow Emergency is Lifted.

1. In order to afford the Township the opportunity to clear its streets and highways of snow and to open the same during the period of the emergency aforesaid, no vehicle, however propelled, except as herein-provided, shall be allowed to stand or park, whether attended or not, upon any street or highway of the Township, except for picking up or discharging passengers or for picking up or delivering essential merchandise or other commodities, provided, however, that such emergency shall be terminated as to any street or highway when the snow has been plowed therefrom for the full width of the pavement, or the snow emergency has been lifted.
2. Whenever a snow emergency is declared, alternate side of the street parking shall be permitted on Main Street, Academy Street, High Street and East Avenue in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Days</b>
Main Street	North	Entire length	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
Main Street	South	Entire length	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Academy Street	East	Main Street to	Monday,

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Days</b>
		Park Place	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
Academy Street	West	Main Street to Park Place	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
High Street	North	Entire length	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
High Street	South	Entire length	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
East Avenue	North	Entire length	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
East Avenue	South	Entire length	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

**C. Emergency to Continue on All Streets Until Lifted**

Such emergency shall continue beyond the 72-hour period above-provided on those streets or highways of the Township from which the snow has not been removed, and no vehicle shall be allowed to stand or park, whether attended or not, on such street or highway until the snow emergency has been lifted. The alternate side of the street parking detailed above shall also remain in effect until such time as all snow is cleared.

**D. Impounding of Parked Vehicles; Removal Fee; Storage Fee**

Whenever a vehicle has been parked or left standing in violation of the provisions of this Section, the Chief of Police or any police officer charged with enforcing this chapter may move or cause the removal of such vehicle to such place as may be designated by the Chief of Police for impounding until the person owning said vehicle shall pay the reasonable cost of such removal and storage.

**E. Removal by Tow Truck Operators**

The removal of vehicles as referred to in Article II.B. to a designated place of impounding shall be carried out only by tow truck operators listed on the rotating list maintained by the Police Department.

**F. Definition of Vehicle**

"Vehicle" as used herein is defined to mean every device in, upon, or by which a person or property is or may be transported upon a street or highway.

G. Violations

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

All other portions of this Chapter remain unchanged.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Blirstown inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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Everett Falt, Clerk