

ORDINANCE # 574

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PARKING AND OPERATION OF VEHICLES UPON STREETS DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES WHEN SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS ARE NECESSARY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WESTMORELAND TO DECLARE A TRAFFIC EMERGENCY AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY.

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the “Snow Route Ordinance” of the **CITY OF WESTMORELAND, KANSAS.**

SECTION 2. FINDINGS OF GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body finds that parking and operation of vehicles on certain streets covered by a heavy accumulation of snow is a matter affecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Westmoreland for the reason that parked and stalled vehicles impede snow removal operations and cause serious traffic congestion and hazard to the safety of the citizens of Westmoreland.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF PARKING EMERGENCY

Whenever snow has accumulated, or sleet or freezing rains make motor vehicle travel treacherous, a snow emergency is in effect. Parking on designated city streets is prohibited or restricted for snowplowing or other purposes until such operations are completed.

SECTION 4. DECLARATION OF PARKING EMERGENCY, TERMINATION

After snow accumulation, or sleet or freezing rain has ended and snow removal or the treatment of streets and parking areas has been completed, the snow emergency shall no longer be in effect.

SECTION 5. STALLED VEHICLES ON EMERGENCY ROUTE

Whenever a vehicle becomes stalled for any reason, whether or not in violation of this ordinance, or any part of a snow emergency route on which there is a covering of snow, sleet, or ice, or on which parking prohibition is in effect, the person operating such vehicle shall take immediate action to have the vehicle towed or pushed off the roadway of such snow emergency route onto the first cross street which is not a snow emergency route. No person shall abandon or leave their vehicle in the roadway of a snow emergency route.

SECTION 6. REMOVAL OF PARKED VEHICLES

All vehicles parked on emergency snow routes must be removed within two (2) hours after declaration of a parking emergency has been put into effect. All stranded or abandoned vehicles impeding snow removal operations or causing traffic congestion, may be removed or caused to be removed by law enforcement to another place of safety and the vehicle may not be recovered until the towing and storage charges are paid by the owner of the vehicle.

SECTION 7. PENALTY

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with this ordinance. Any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a class "C" misdemeanor and may be sentenced to a term of no more than one (1) month jail time or a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES; ESTABLISHMENT; SIGNS

Upon declaration that the Snow Route Ordinance is "in effect", the streets listed in this section shall be designated and marked with "Emergency Snow Route" signs. The emergency snow routes are as follows:

- 1. Main Street from Highway 99 to Walnut Street (8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., any day of the week)
- 2. Campbell Street from Highway 99 to 1st Street
- 3. State Street from Highway 99 to 6th Street
- 4. Oregon Trail Drive from Highway 99 to 6th Street
- 5. 6th Street from Oregon Trail Drive to Main Street
- 6. 1st Street from Campbell Street to State Street
- 7. 4th Street from Campbell Street to State Street

Appropriate signs shall be installed along each of said streets designated snow routes.

SECTION 9. ALL HAZARD EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTE

This ordinance is designated primarily as a snow removal ordinance; however, it can also be used as an All Hazard Emergency Route in the event of any other emergency conditions.

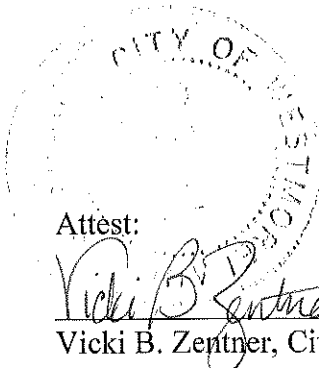
SECTION 10. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official city newspaper.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body, this 13th day of February, 2020.

Attest:



Vicki B. Zentner
 Vicki B. Zentner, City Clerk

Signed: *Mark A. Goodenow*
 Mayor, Mark A. Goodenow

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