

Ordinance No. 1140

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, 1953, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE THERETO NUMBERED X, WHICH CHAPTER 19 RELATES TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AND WHICH NEW ARTICLE NUMBERED X RELATES TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AND BAD WEATHER AND SNOW AND WEATHER EMERGENCY PLANS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding a new article thereto numbered Article X, to read as follows:

ARTICLE X BAD WEATHER

Sec. 19-223. Snow and Weather Emergency Plans generally.

Whenever the City Manager or his duly authorized representative is of the opinion that snow, sleet, hail, freezing rain, ice, water, flood, high wind or storm or the threat thereof may cause conditions which could lead to serious traffic and parking congestion, the City Manager or his representative may declare snow and weather emergencies and invoke snow and weather emergency plans.

The City Manager shall prepare snow and weather emergency plans for use within the City of Alexandria and inform the public of the details of such plans. Such plans may include but shall not be limited to provisions for: warning motorists and pedestrians, prohibiting parking on designated streets, requiring chains or snow tires on designated streets, early dismissal of City employees or excusing City employees from reporting to duty, posting guidance and warning signs and markings on designated streets, and removal of snow, sleet, hail and ice. Such plans, where practicable, shall be similar to and shall be invoked simultaneously with snow and weather emergency plans of the District of Columbia and neighboring jurisdictions.

It is clearly understood that any such plans that may be prepared or invoked, except those provided for by Section 19-224 of this article, shall, until further action of the City Council of the City of Alexandria be voluntary in nature, and no person shall be prosecuted for any violation thereof.

Sec. 19-224. Snow Emergency Plan No. 4, Parking.

Whenever there is a firm forecast of snow, sleet, hail or freezing rain from the United States Weather Bureau or whenever snow, sleet, hail or ice or a combination thereof reaches an accumulation of at least two inches on one or more of the streets in Alexandria, hereinafter designated as Snow Emergency Routes, the City Manager or his duly authorized representative may declare and invoke a snow parking emergency to be known as Snow Emergency Plan No. 4. The Manager or his representative shall make announcement thereof through the press if possible, but in any event by

not less than two radio or television stations with a normal operating range covering the city of Alexandria.

Snow Emergency Plan No. 4 shall become effective at the following times if the above mentioned announcement is made:

Announcement Made	Effective Time
Between 7 A.M. and 12 Midnight	Four hours after announcement
Between Midnight and 7 A.M.	9 A.M.

The parking prohibition shall remain in effect until Snow Emergency Plan No. 4 has been terminated by the City Manager or his authorized representative.

The following City streets or portions thereof are designated as Snow Emergency Routes:

Prince Street from Fairfax Street to Daingerfield Road
King Street from Union Street to Russell Road
Cameron Street from Fairfax Street to Harvard Street
Washington Street from the southern City limits to 1st Street
Duke Street from Washington Street to Diagonal Road
Mount Vernon Avenue from Braddock Road to northern City limits
Fern Street from Quaker Lane to Kenwood Avenue

The following vehicles shall be exempt from the provisions of this section:

- a. Commercial vehicles making emergency deliveries of fuel and motor oils, coal, gasoline, foods, milks and medicines.
- b. Emergency vehicles of public service corporations.
- c. Ambulances and vehicles carrying sick or injured persons.
- d. Vehicles engaged in snow removal operations or sanding streets.
- e. Tow trucks.
- f. Physicians responding to sick calls.
- g. Vehicles carrying United States mail.
- h. Police vehicles.
- i. Fire vehicles.
- j. Government emergency vehicles.
- k. Municipal vehicles declared essential by the City Manager.
- l. Hearses and motor vehicles in funeral processions.

On any street or portion thereof designated a Snow Emergency Route and marked by special signs or yellow bands twenty (20) inches wide, posted on at least four (4) posts in a block, no person shall, while Snow Emergency Plan No. 4 is in effect, park or permit any vehicle to remain parked on any such street. Any person violating any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum not exceeding Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00).

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five days following its introduction, together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

FRANK E. MANN
Mayor