

Ordinance No. 1192

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article X, Chapter 19 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which Chapter 19 relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC and which Article numbered X relates to MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AND BAD WEATHER AND SNOW AND WEATHER EMERGENCY PLANS AND PENALTIES AND REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article X, Chapter 19 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Article X. Bad Weather.

Sec. 19-223. Snow and weather emergency plans generally.

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 vehicles operating on designated streets, removing and storing vehicles that are stalled, stuck, parked or abandoned 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, sanding and chemical treatment of 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 for the District of Columbia and neighboring jurisdictions.

Sec. 19-224. Snow emergency routes.

The following City streets or portions thereof are designated as Snow Emergency Routes and shall be posted as such:

Prince Street from Fairfax Street to Daingerfield Road

King Street from Union Street to Janney's Lane

Cameron Street from Fairfax Street to Harvard Street

Washington Street from the southern City limits to First 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

Sec. 19-225. 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 designated as Snow Emergency Routes in Section 19-224, 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 announce-

ment thereof through the press if possible, but in any event through 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:

Announcements Made	Effective Time
Between 7 A.M. and 12 Midnight	Two hours after announcement
Between Midnight and 7 A.M.	9 A.M.

On any street or portion thereof designated a Snow Emergency Route and marked by special red and white signs not less than eighteen (18) 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. The parking prohibition shall remain in effect until Snow Emergency Plan No. 4 has been terminated by the City Manager or his authorized representative.

Sec. 19-226. Snow Emergency Plan No. 1—Impeding traffic.

Whenever the City Manager or his duly authorized representative is of the opinion that snow, sleet, hail or freezing rain is causing slippery or hazardous conditions which may lead to serious traffic congestion on the streets in the City, the Manager or his representative may declare and invoke a snow traffic emergency to be known as Snow Emergency Plan No. 1 and, until he has declared such emergency terminated, it shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct or impede traffic on any street designated and posted as a snow emergency route by reason of his failure to have the vehicle operated by him equipped with snow tires or chains. The Manager or his representative shall make announcement of Snow Emergency Plan No. 1 through the press if possible, but in any event through not less than two radio or television stations with a normal operating range covering the City of Alexandria.

Snow Emergency Plan No. 1 shall become effective upon announcement.

Sec. 19-227. Removal and storage of stalled, stuck, parked or abandoned vehicles and charges for removal and storage.

Whenever any vehicle shall be found stalled, stuck, parked or abandoned on any City street designated and posted as a Snow Emergency Route in such a manner as to obstruct or impede traffic, or hinder snow removal or sanding operations when either Snow Emergency Plan No. 4 and Snow Emergency Plan No. 1 or both are in effect, the vehicle may be removed to a nearby place or removed to a yard designated by the City Manager or his authorized representative and stored.

Such vehicles may be removed only by persons authorized by the City Manager or his representative. It shall be the duty of the person removing or directing the removal of any such vehicle to immediately make a report thereof to the Director of Traffic and Superintendent

of Police, giving the type of vehicle, the license tag numbers on the vehicle, the place of removal, the time of removal, the cause of removal, the place to which the vehicle was moved, and such other information as the person making the report may have concerning the vehicle or its owner.

It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Police to attempt to notify the owner of any such vehicle as soon as reasonably possible of the removal and the location of the vehicle.

The owner of any vehicle removed and stored in a city yard pursuant to this section, or other duly authorized person, shall be permitted to obtain the vehicle by paying the removal cost plus a storage charge at the rate of Fifty Cents (\$.50) per day. The payment of removal and storage charges shall not operate to relieve any person from liability for a fine or penalty.

Sec. 19-228. Exemptions.

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

- a. Commercial vehicles making emergency deliveries of fuel and motor oils, coal, gasoline, goods, 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.

Sec. 19-229. Penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this Article 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

Final Passage: Nov. 13, 1962