

City of Willoughby Hills

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE – TRAFFIC CODE, TITLE SEVEN – PARKING, CHAPTER 351 – PARKING GENERALLY BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECTION 351.16 – SNOW EMERGENCY OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

WHEREAS, as a result of the discussions held during the Safety Committee of Council on January 23, 2017, Police Chief Collins has recommended that snow emergency provisions be established; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Collins in his Police Department Memorandum dated January 25, 2017 requested the Mayor’s consideration for a snow emergency ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a result of reviewing similar ordinances for the Cities of Mentor, Eastlake, Wickliffe and Willoughby, the Police Chief has brought forward an ordinance that does not list a set amount of snow, as the Chief finds it necessary for the City to enact a snow emergency ordinance that would also provide for sleet, hail or ice conditions; and

WHEREAS, the penalty for violating any provision of the snow emergency ordinance would be consistent with the City’s overnight parking ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. Chapter 351 – Parking Generally be amended by the establishment of **Section 351.16 – Snow Emergency** is hereby established and shall read and provide in its entirety as follows:

“351.16 SNOW EMERGENCY.

(a) **Snow Emergency Defined:** A snow emergency is defined when there has been in or on any of the streets or roads of the City any accumulation of snow, sleet, hail or ice that in the opinion of the City Safety Director constitute a serious public hazard impairing transportation, the movement of food and fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health and police protection and other vital services of the City. The Safety Director will announce and proclaim a snow emergency exists and then emergency parking regulations hereinafter defined shall thereafter be and remain in effect until such emergency period is proclaimed and announced to be ended by the Safety Director. The Safety Director will notify Council and will request area radio, television stations and use appropriate social media channels to notify the general public of such citywide parking ban.

(b) **No Parking During Snow Emergency.** No person shall park or cause to be parked or permit to remain parked any vehicle on a City street, during any time or period when a snow emergency condition is declared by the City Safety Director to be in effect.

(c) **Removal of Vehicles Parking During Emergency.** The Road Superintendent or any employee under his direction or any member of the Police or Fire Department of the City shall be authorized and empowered to provide for the removal of any vehicle parked on any of the streets or roads enumerated in subsection (b) hereof during a period of snow emergency, to such garage or other place the Road Superintendent or other person under his direction or member of the Police or Fire Department deems proper.

Any costs incurred in such removal or storage shall be paid for by the owner of the vehicle, in addition to any fines or penalties which may be imposed on the owner or operator of the vehicle.

(d) Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.”

SECTION 2. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: March 23, 2017

Nancy E. Fellows
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President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 23 day of March, 2017

Approved by the Mayor
March 23, 2017

ATTEST:
Victoria Ann Savage
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council

Robert M. Weger
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Mayor