

ORDINANCE NO. 2008- 13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, PART 6, OF THE VALLEY TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES BY RESCINDING THE CURRENT PART 6, AND ENACTING A NEW PART 6, PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AFTER THE DECLARATION OF A SNOW AND/OR ICE EMERGENCY, ESTABLISHING SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES, PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES DURING A SNOW EVENT, INCLUDING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON TOWNSHIP ROADS AND THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND/OR ICE FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY ON TO THE TOWNSHIP ROADS OR STREETS, MANDATING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND/OR ICE FROM FIRE HYDRANTS BY PROPERTY OWNERS, AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION(S) OF THE ORDINANCE.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, this 23 day of December, 2008, by the Board of Supervisors of Valley Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. The current Chapter 15, Part 6, of the Valley Township Code of Ordinances is rescinded in its entirety, and in its place is substituted the following new Part 6:

Part 6

§601. DECLARATION OF SNOW AND/OR ICE EMERGENCY.

In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on the snow emergency routes named in §603 of this Part, the Chief of Police, Road Master, Most Senior Officer on Duty, the Emergency Management Coordinator, or the any two (2) members of the Board of Supervisors (designated herein as "declarant"), in their discretion, may declare a snow and/or ice emergency (designated in this Part as a "snow emergency"). Information on the existence of a snow and/or ice emergency shall be given by the declarant to radio, newspaper or other available media, and information on the termination of the snow and/or emergency may be given by use of the same media.

§602. DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES RESTRICTED ON SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES DURING SNOW EMERGENCY.

After any snow emergency is declared, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the snow emergency, for any person to drive any motor vehicle on any such snow emergency routes, unless that vehicle is equipped with four wheel drive or uses PENNDOT approved snow chains. Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), and Fire Police vehicles shall be exempt from the application of this provision.

§603. SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES DESIGNATED.

The following are designated as snow emergency routes:

Street	Between
Valley Road	Coatesville City & Sadsbury Twp Line
Mount Carmel Road	E. Fallowfield Twp Line & Valley Road
Park Avenue	E. Fallowfield Twp Line & Valley Road
Lincoln Highway	Coatesville City & Sadsbury Twp Line
Airport Road	W. Caln Twp Line & Lincoln Highway
Country Club Road	W. Caln Twp Line & Lincoln Highway
Glencrest Road	Irish Lane & Lincoln Highway
Irish Lane	Glencrest Road & Wagontown Road
Wagontown Road	W. Caln Twp Line & Coatesville City
Mineral Springs Road	Country Club Rd. & Wagontown Rd.
Pine Valley Drive	Country Club Rd. & Baltusrol Drive
Pleasant Valley Drive	Baltusrol Drive & Harry Road
Harry Road	Pleasant Valley Drive & Glencrest Road
Mount Airy Road	W. Caln Twp Line & end of roadway
Washington Lane	Lincoln Highway & Sadsbury Twp Line
Cynthia Road	Old Wilmington Road & Valley Road
Danielle Lane	Old Wilmington Road & Marc Drive
Marc Drive	Cynthia Rd(South) & Cynthia Rd (North)
Maple Avenue	Valley Road & Mt. Carmel Road
Ridge Avenue	Valley Road & Spruce Street
Spruce Street	Ridge Avenue & W. Birch Street
W. Birch Street	Sheeler Lane & Kirby Street
Kirby Street	Oak Avenue & Park Avenue
Euclid Avenue	Park Avenue & W. 12 th Avenue
Charles Street	W. 9 th Avenue & W. 11 th Avenue
W. 11 th Avenue	Charles Street & Valley Road
W. Main Street	Lincoln Highway & Rainbow Road
Highland Avenue	George Street & Front Street
Front Street	Highland Avenue & Rainbow Road
Rainbow Road	Lincoln Highway & W. Main Street
East Glencrest Road	Glencrest Road & Wagontown Road
Franklin Street	Glencrest Road & Country Club Road
Leeward Street	Franklin St (East) & Franklin St (West)
W. 3 rd Avenue	Leeward Street & W. Chestnut Street
W. Chestnut Street	W. 3 rd Avenue & 1 st Avenue
1 st Avenue	W. Chestnut Street & Lincoln Highway
Lamberts Lane	Country Club Road & Matthew Drive
Matthew Drive	Lamberts Lane & Mineral Springs Road

Pinckney Drive	Mineral Springs Road & Thomas Circle
Cambridge Way	Beacon Street & Mineral Springs Road
Beacon Street	Pinckney Drive & Thomas Circle
Mt. Airy Road	Wagontown Road & north end of road
Manor Road	Wagontown Road & PA Route 82
W. Kings Highway	W. Caln Twp Line & Caln Twp Line
PA Route 82	W. Caln Twp Line & City of Coatesville
Butterworth Road	PA Route 82 & Heston Road
Heston Road	Butterworth Road & Blackhorse Hill Road
Gilmer Road	Heston Road & end of roadway

§604. ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED DURING SNOW EVENT.

1. PARKING ON ALL TOWNSHIP ROADS.

It shall be unlawful to park, or allow to be parked any motor vehicle or other vehicle, on any street or road which is part of the Township System after the start of a snow fall and until the snow has stopped falling and the snow has been completely plowed for the full width of the cart way.

2. REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES

Any member of the Valley Township Police Department, or any employee of Valley Township engaged in road work, is hereby authorized to remove any vehicle abandoned or parking upon any public highway or Street in violation of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance in accordance with Chapter 15, Part 5 of the Valley Township Code of Ordinances. The registered owner of any said vehicle shall be notified of the fact of the removal and of the place to which said vehicle has been removed, where he or she may obtain the same upon payment of any and all towing and storage charges. Neither the Township nor any of its officers or employees shall be held responsible for any damage to any vehicle occurring as a result of towing and/or storage of a vehicle parked in violation of the Ordinance.

3. SNOW REMOVAL FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY

It shall be unlawful for owners, occupants or tenants of property to dump, throw, shovel, pile or push any snow or ice removed from driveways or walkways or other private property into any public highway or street. No snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof, shall be pushed or deposited into any drainage area, stream, river, culvert or catch basin. No snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof, shall be deposited, pushed or maintained within a commercial, manufacturing, light industrial or multiple family zoning district parking facility or at or near any intersection, in a manner or at a location which creates a traffic hazard by impairing visibility from or of a public highway. No person shall damage any Township property, including but not limited to, traffic, directional, warning or street signs, culverts, etc. while removing snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof. Any damage to Township property shall be repaired or replaced by the Township in accordance with the requirements of the Township at the expense of the property owner and/or snow removal agency.

4. CLEARING OF ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS.

Fire hydrants shall not be covered. The property owner is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed all snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof or any accumulation and/or impediment which would limit access to, from, and/or around all of the fire hydrants which are located on said property, so as to provide immediate access by fire rescue personnel in cases of emergency. In cases involving a storm, fire hydrants shall be cleared of all snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof within twenty-four (24) hours following the storm, in any event, any snow or ice shall be removed not less than once in every twenty-four (24) hour period. The owner of a property shall be responsible for conforming to the requirements of this Section where such property is occupied by said owner or is unoccupied or vacant. In cases where the owner, occupant, or tenant as aforesaid, shall fail, neglect, or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this Section of this Ordinance, or within the time period required therein, the Township of Valley, Chester County, Pennsylvania, may in its discretion, proceed immediately to clear the snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof or accumulation and/or impediment which would limit access to, from, and/or around fire hydrants and to collect the expenses, with any additional amount allowed by law, from fine or penalty imposed under Section 605 of this Ordinance. In no case is the Township of Valley liable if it does not exercise the Township option for removal of snow, ice, slush, any combination thereof or accumulation and/or impediment which would limit access to, from, and/or around fire hydrants as defined within Section 604.

§605. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.


Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon summary conviction before a District Magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and the cost of prosecution, such fines to be collected as like fines are now collected by law, and in default shall undergo imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

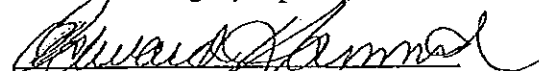
Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

Valley Township Board of Supervisors

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