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John B. Harris Jr. Chief of Police

Dear Residents,

Fall is quickly coming to an end, and Winter is making a strong appearance. Keeping this in mind, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the ordinances within the Township regarding snow removal and parking during a snow emergency. Please read ordinance for parking during snow emergencies very carefully.

Please familiarize yourself with the below listed statutes, as they will be enforced by the Police Department.

§ 455-32 Responsibility for snow removal during absences.

It shall be the duty of each and every owner, tenant or agent of any property, as aforesaid, and classed within the meaning and intent of this article, to arrange for the removal of such snow, hail, sleet or ice as required by this article in his or her absence.

§ 455-33 Placement of snow that has been removed.

It is unlawful for any such owner, occupant, tenant, or agent, as aforesaid, to cause said snow, hail, sleet, or ice, when removed from said sidewalk in accordance with this article, to be placed on the street or roadway within eight inches of the curb or to impede or prevent the free passage of water along the gutters fronting said property or properties.

§ 490-12 Parking during Snow Emergencies

A. The Chief of Police or his designated assistant shall declare a state of emergency to exist within the municipal limits of the Township whenever there shall be a snowfall of two (2) inches, or whenever snow is falling and there is a prediction of two or more inches of snowfall. Said emergency shall be presumed to continue for a period of 48 hours after said snowfall ceases.

B. In order that the municipality may have the opportunity to clear the streets and highways of snow and to open said streets and highways in the Township to traffic, during the period of the emergency aforesaid, no vehicle, howsoever propelled, shall be allowed to stand or park, whether attended or not, upon the highways of the Township, except for picking up or discharging passengers in the case of an omnibus, or for picking up or delivering essential merchandise or commodities in the case of other vehicles.

C. Whenever a vehicle is found parked or left standing in violation of the provisions of this section, any police officer of the Township may remove or secure the removal of such vehicle to such garage or other place as may be designated by the Chief of Police for the impounding of such vehicles, and such vehicles shall be retained and impounded until the person or persons owning said vehicle shall pay the cost of such removal, together with storage charges.

D. Immediately after a vehicle has been so removed, the Chief of Police or any member of the Police Department acting for him shall give written notice thereof to the registered owner or owners by personal service or by mailing the said notice by registered or certified mail, addressed to the said owner or owners at his or their last-known address or addresses.

E. "Vehicle," as used in this section, is defined to mean every device in, upon or by which a person or property is or may be transported upon a highway, excepting a device used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

<u>F.</u> In addition to any other penalties as provided for in this section, any person, corporation or other entity violating any provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a penalty of \$50.

If you have any questions about the ordinances, please feel free to contact the department. Thank you all in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Respectfully Yours,

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