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## Norton, Ohio Code of Ordinances

**452.13 PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES.**

(a) In order to facilitate the cleaning of certain streets and to expedite the free flow of vehicular traffic, motor vehicles shall not be parked on all streets of the City at such times as the United States Weather Bureau records indicate that three inches of snow have fallen and there is a prospect of a further snowfall. All cars parked prior to the time weather conditions prohibit parking must be removed by the owner or operator thereof. Any motor vehicle parked in violation of the prohibition shall be removed at the order of the Administrative Officer and/or the Chief of Police and shall subject the owner or operator to the fines provided herein.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the owners or operators of motor vehicles to ascertain whether weather conditions require the removal of their motor vehicles from any City street and to remove all cars parked in violation of the provisions of this chapter. While the City will make every effort to inform the public of the existence of weather conditions requiring removal of parked automobiles from City streets, the owners and operators of motor vehicles shall have full responsibility to determine existing weather conditions and to remove parked automobiles if weather conditions are such as to require their removal under the provisions of this chapter.

(c) After the United States Weather Bureau records indicate that three inches of snow have fallen and there is a prospect of further snowfall, the Administrative Officer and/or the Chief of Police shall order the removal of all vehicles parked on City streets which have not been removed by the owners or operators. Such vehicles shall be removed to a motor vehicle pound as designated by such officer and records of all vehicles removed shall be kept in the traffic section of the Division of Police.

(d) No person shall violate any of the provisions of this section with respect to failure to remove parked motor vehicles, when the weather conditions described in this section require its removal. Failure of an owner or operator to remove his or her motor vehicle from any City street during the snow emergency parking ban shall subject the vehicle to a snow ban parking citation of twenty dollars (\$20.00). The citation does not exclude the motor vehicle from being towed, if conditions warrant. In addition to the penalties provided in Chapter 408 of the Codified Ordinances, when a motor vehicle is towed to a motor vehicle pound, the motor vehicle can be removed only upon the payment of the towing and storage charges involved.

(e) The Administrative Officer and/or the Chief of Police shall use all available means of disseminating information as to the existence of weather conditions requiring the removal of parked motor vehicles from the City streets. Such notice shall be disseminated through the radio, newspaper and all other available media to the extent feasible. The dissemination of the information, however, shall not relieve owners or operators of motor vehicles from the responsibility of ascertaining the existence of weather conditions requiring the removal of parked motor vehicles from all City streets.

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