

§ 151-35. Snow emergency routes.

The streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XVIII (§ 151-55), attached to and made a part of this Part 1, are hereby designated as snow emergency routes.

§ 151-36. Penalty for violation. [Amended 8-28-1996 by Ord. No. 128; 5-28-1997 by Ord. No. 133; 10-27-1999 by Ord. No. 159]

- A. If, at any time during a period of snow emergency declared under § 151-33 of this article, a person causes to park or allows to park a motor vehicle anywhere upon a snow emergency route, such person is guilty of a summary offense. Upon conviction thereof, such offender shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$15.
- B. If, at any time during a period of snow emergency declared under § 151-33 of this article, a person operates a motor vehicle upon a snow emergency route without having that vehicle equipped with snow tires or chains, that person is guilty of a summary offense. Upon conviction thereof, such person shall be subject to a fine as provided for in § 151-37 herein.

ARTICLE VA

**Parking and Other Activities During Periods of Snowfall
[Added 2-27-2002 by Ord. No. 171]****§ 151-36.1. Parking prohibited.**

Upon the effective date of this article, it shall be unlawful to park or allow to be parked any motor vehicle or other vehicle upon any street, road, or cul-de-sac which is part of the Athens Township road system after the start of a snowfall and until the snow has stopped falling and the snow has been completely plowed for the full width of the cartway.

§ 151-36.2. Removal of vehicles.

Any member of the Athens Township Police Department or any employee of Athens Township engaged in roadwork is hereby authorized to remove any vehicle abandoned or parked upon any public highway, street, or cul-de-sac in violation of the terms and provisions of this article, and to take any said vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety. The registered owner of any said vehicle should be notified of the fact of the removal and of the place to which said vehicle has been moved, and he or she may obtain the same upon payment of any and all towing and storing charges. Neither the Township nor any of its officers or employees should be held responsible or liable for any damage to any vehicle occurring as a result of towing and/or storage of said vehicle which is parked in violation of this article.

§ 151-36.3. Removal of snow or ice; damage to Township property.

- A. It shall be unlawful that owners, occupants, or tenants of property dump, throw, shovel, pile or push any snow or ice removed from driveways or walkways into any public

highway or street. Any snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof, should be pushed or deposited into any drainage area, stream, river, culvert, or catch basin. No snow, ice, slush, or combination thereof, should be deposited, pushed, or maintained within a commercial, industrial, or residential urban zoning district parking facility or at or near an intersection in any zoning district in a manner or a location which creates a traffic hazard by impairing disability from or of a public highway.

- B. No person shall damage any Township property, including but not limited to traffic signs, culverts, etc., while removing snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof. Any damage to the Township property shall be repaired or replaced in accordance to the requirements of the Township at the expense of the property owner and/or snow removal agents.

§ 151-36.4. Fire hydrants not to be covered.

The 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 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 should be cleared of all snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof within 24 hours following the storm, and in any event, any accumulation shall be removed not less than once in every twenty-four-hour period. In all other cases involving the accumulation of natural and/or man-made items around fire hydrants, the owner is responsible for the immediate removal of said items. In either case, fire hydrants should be cleared sufficiently so emergency personnel have total access to the hydrants. This is necessary to allow for fire hose connections to be made to access water in the event of a fire. The owner of the property shall be responsible for conforming to the requirements of this section for such properties occupied by said owner or if unoccupied or vacant. In such 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 article, or within the time period required therein, the Township of Athens, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, may, in its discretion, proceed immediately to clear the snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof, or any 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 this article. In no case is the Township of Athens liable if it does not exercise the Township option for the removal of snow, ice, slush, any combination thereof, and/or accumulation in or impediment which would limit access to fire hydrants as to find with this article.

§ 151-36.5. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall, upon summary conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$100 and pay the costs of prosecution. Such fines shall be collected as like fines are now collected by law, and in default of payment, violators shall undergo imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.