



## VILLAGE OF COVINGTON

### VILLAGE SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

The Village of Covington employees perform snow plowing and salting duties when the snowfall is greater than two inches or icy conditions exist. Certain streets are declared snow emergency streets and must be kept clear of all vehicular parking so that the snow can be removed in an orderly and safe manner. Sidewalks are required to be maintained free of ice and snow by business and homeowners within the Village.

The Village will prioritize streets that have higher traffic and/or have a higher level of safety concern. The Village will not remove snow from alleyways, driveways, or other specific areas of the community. The Village will salt specific areas of the community to reduce dangerous conditions when possible.

**Ordinance 16-13** states in part that upon the recorded snow fall of three (3) inches or greater, no vehicular parking of any type shall be permitted on Wenrick, High Street, Broadway, State Route 41, Wright Street from High Street to Pearl Street, and Wall Street from Broadway to Walnut Street. All streets and roads within the Village of Covington shall have no parking if a snowfall is greater than six (6) inches.

Any vehicle remaining on the designated snow removal streets during the prohibited period may be removed by towing at the owner's expense and impounded as provided by law. 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.

**Ohio Basic Code Section 94.11** requires all owners and occupants of lots or lands abutting a public sidewalk to keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice. Snow and ice must be removed within 12 hours of accumulation. Whomever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

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## ORDINANCE NO. 16-13

### REGULATING PARKING DURING HEAVY SNOWFALLS AND DECLARED EMERGENCIES

Now, Therefore, Be it Ordained by Council of the Village of Covington Ohio, a majority concurring that:

Section 1: That in order to facilitate the movement of traffic and protect the health, lives, safety and property of persons using streets and thruways in the village, and to combat the hazards of excessive snow and ice on said streets or portions thereof named in Section 4 of this ordinance, the Mayor in his or her discretion, after an accumulation of three(3) inches of snowfall and there is prospect of further snowfall according to the United States Weather Bureau, may declare an emergency due to such hazards.

Section 2: The Mayor, pursuant to Section 1, shall post such declaration in at least two Public places within the village and after it has been so declared, it shall be unlawful during the period of the emergency for any person to park or cause or permit to remain parked his or her motor vehicle on those streets or portions thereof named in Section 4 hereof.

Section 3: Any motor vehicle found parked on those streets or portions thereof in Section 4 hereof during the time of such emergency shall be removed by order of the Chief of Police and shall subject the owner or operator to a fine provided herein. In addition, where a motor vehicle is towed to a parked vehicle pound or other place for storage, the owner of said motor vehicle may recover the same only upon the payment of the towing and storage charges imposed.

Section 4: The streets or portions thereof where parking is prohibited and an emergency has been declared are the following:

- a) Three (3) inches of snow the entire length of Wenrick, High Street, Broadway, State Route 41, Wright Street from High Street to Pearl Street and Wall Street from Broadway to Walnut Street.
- b) Any other street or portion thereof as may be proclaimed by the Mayor.
- c) All Streets and roads within the Village of Covington in the event that the snowfall is six (6) inches or greater.

Section 5: 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 the streets designated and to remove all cars parked in violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6: That the owner or operator of any vehicle found parked on any streets named in Section 4 of this ordinance during such a declared emergency shall be guilty of a minor-misdemeanor.

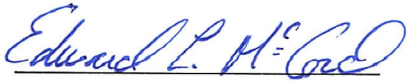
Section 7: Ordinance Numbers 05-09A and 78-21 are hereby repealed.

Section 8: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and the earliest period allowable by law.

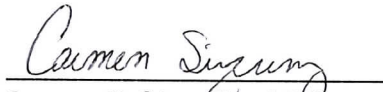
Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013



Doris Beeman, President of Council



Edward L. McCord, Mayor



Carmen Siefring, Fiscal Officer