

**City of Sabetha  
County of Nemaha  
State of Kansas**

**EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTE FOR SNOW REMOVAL**

**1) Introduction:**

- A) Due to the location of the City of Sabetha, and the expected and/or possibility of snow, ice, and freezing rain that accrue between the months of September and April each year, Snow and Ice control is basic emergency work in which city streets must be cleared at any time day or night.
- B) Since snow and ice removal is considered an emergency service by the City of Sabetha, The City of Sabetha shall undertake operations using methods, resources, and equipment necessary to keep access to the city as open as possible during snow events.

**2) SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

- A) A snow emergency is defined as a special condition of a snowfall event requiring residents to move their vehicles off the emergency snow route to accommodate emergency snow removal
- B) A snow emergency declaration allows for the towing of vehicles from the emergency snow routes. A snow emergency is normally declared after a measurable snowfall of two inches or more; however, any amount of snow combined with ice, rain, and/or wind can also require a snow emergency to be declared.
- C) The City Administrator, or designee, may declare a snow emergency. A snow emergency may be declared in advance of an anticipated storm, to start at a specific time; or a snow emergency may be declared any time during or after a storm. A snow emergency will normally not last more than 72 hours pas the end of the last snowfall; however, the City Administrator, or designee, can lengthen the declaration if conditions warrant such action.
- D) That a snow emergency has been declared will be communicated to the public through mass media outlets as deemed appropriate by the City Administrator, or designee.

**3) SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES**

- A) A system of marked emergency snow routes has been established to maintain the flow of traffic, goods, and services to the city on thoroughfare streets. The marked emergency snow routes are established as follows:

**EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES** (*Designated roadways are to be determined*)

- Old Highway 75 from 192<sup>nd</sup> Road to Kansas Ave.
- Main Street from Old Highway 75 to 14<sup>th</sup> street
- Virginia Street from Old Highway 75 to 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- Oregon Street from Old Highway 75 to the Sabetha Community Hospital
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Oregon Street to 192<sup>nd</sup> Road
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Oregon Street to Lincoln Street
- 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Oregon Street to Harrison Street
- 14<sup>th</sup> Street from 192<sup>nd</sup> Rd to Wyoming

**4) DRIVEWAYS AND SNOW REMOVAL FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY**

- A) City snow plows will not clear private driveways. The snow placed in driveways by city plows is a natural result of clearing the streets and is the responsibility of the property owner to remove.
- B) Snow from private driveways, private sidewalks, business driveways, or parking lots will not be placed on a city street once the street has been plowed.

- C) City equipment will not be used to remove piled snow or push snow away from private property. Snow will only be removed from city facilities. Using city equipment to clear snow from private property is a violation of this code unless it is necessary to allow emergency vehicles access to private property for ambulance, fire, or police calls.

**5) VEHICLE TOWING DURING DECLARED SNOW EMERGENCIES.**

Vehicles parked in a designated emergency snow route street during a declared snow emergency are subject to tow without notice to the owners, and at the owners expense. In addition, if a vehicle is left on a public street or alley on a snow route in such a fashion as to hinder snow removal, the vehicle can be towed at the expense of the owner of the vehicle, provided that an attempt was made to contact the owner to have the vehicle moved; and that either the owner could not be located, or the owner of the vehicle failed to move the vehicle within 5 minutes after being contacted.