

ORDINANCE # 910
An ordinance regarding snow emergencies.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, KANSAS

- Section 1. Finding of governing body. The governing body of the City of Oberlin, Kansas, finds that parking and operating motor vehicles on certain streets covered by a heavy accumulation of snow is a matter affecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city, for the reasons that parked and stalled vehicles impede snow removal operations and cause serious traffic congestion.
- Section 2. Whenever snow has accumulated, or there is a possibility of snow, or forecasted accumulation of snow, to such a depth that snow removal operations are likely, a traffic emergency shall be deemed to exist which shall require vehicle owners or operators to remove their vehicles from emergency snow routes. A snow emergency will be posted, if at all possible, on the city website or social media and such notification is sufficient for purposes of this ordinance.
- Section 3. Removal of vehicles. All vehicles and trailers parked on emergency snow routes must be removed when a traffic emergency exists as set forth in section two above. Any vehicle or trailer parked on an emergency snow route after such traffic emergency has been declared may be removed, or caused to be removed, by a police officer to the nearest garage or other place of safety, and the vehicle or trailer may not be recovered until the towing and storage charges are paid. The police department may also ticket vehicles. Violation of this ordinance is an offense that carries a penalty of up to 30 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1000.
- Section 4. Emergency snow routes. Emergency snow routes and priority sanding areas shall be designated in writing by the city. Emergency snow route signs shall be installed on the emergency snow routes in accordance with said designation.
- Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

Passed by the council and approved by the Mayor on this **5th** day of **September, 2019**.

Attest:

City Clerk


Mayor