

EMERGENCY (SNOW) PARKING BANS AND RELATED FINES

There are currently two separate parking bans listed in the Peoria Municipal Code which the City can enact during a snow event:

1. Parking ban on snow emergency routes (Section 28-386)
 - This parking ban can be called by the City Manager, or designee, whenever weather conditions require that snowplowing will be necessary.
 - Ban may be issued for all or part of the posted snow emergency routes.
 - Ban is in effect for 48 hours unless lengthened or shortened by the City Manager, or designee.
 - Snow emergency routes shall be posted with signs and are listed in Schedule "U" of the City Code.
 - This ban automatically goes into effect when there is 2" of snow and at least 1" of additional snow forecast.
 - The parking ban prevents motorists from parking on-street on posted emergency Snow Routes during the ban, except in the Downtown metered area, where motorists are allowed to park between 6 AM and 11 PM to patronize businesses.

2. Parking ban on streets not designated snow emergency routes. (Section 28-387)
 - This parking ban can be called by the City Manager, or designee, whenever weather conditions warrant action, such as for snow removal after the event.
 - This can be issued for some or all of the streets in the City.
 - Parking during this ban will be prohibited on the side of the street having even addresses on even days of the month and on the side of the street with odd addresses on odd days of the month.
 - A minimum of 3 hours must be given for motorists to move cars, before violations are issued.
 - This parking ban shall remain in effect until terminated.

Recommendations:

1. **Lower Snow Route parking violation to \$50 from the current \$200.** Currently, the fine for violating a snow parking ban is \$200 (Ord. Revised 12/19/06) and \$300 if not paid within 30 days. During recent discussions with the Police Department it was felt that \$200 was more than was needed to be an effective deterrent. Officers and the Parking Enforcement Technician have felt that the fee was too high. Lowering the rate while allowing this type of ticket to be issued every 24 hours is seen to be a more effective deterrent to violators. To accomplish this, the recommended changes to the City Code would be as follows (with the underlined items being the proposed language):

Section 28-83 (a) (5) The sum of ~~\$200.00~~\$50.00 within seven days, the sum of ~~\$250.00~~\$75.00 after seven days and the sum of ~~\$300.00~~\$100.00 after 30 days from the

time such offense was committed, for violation of Sections 28-386 through 28-391, inclusive. This violation may be enforced each 24 hours.

Sec. 28-392. Whenever any person is convicted of any act prohibited or declared to be unlawful by this division, it shall be punished by a fine not less than ~~\$250.00~~50.00 and not more than as provided by Sections 1-5 of this Code for each offense. Each offense of this division shall be enforceable once each 24 hour period.

Note: *Other Communities' Parking Ban Fines: Champaign, IL \$25; Rockford, IL \$50; Normal, IL \$30; Des Moines, IA \$35*

- 2. Utilize Parking Enforcement Technicians to write tickets during snow events.** Currently, Parking Enforcement Technicians are asked to write Snow Ban parking violations during the work day. Often, events happen or continue into the non-work hours. To utilize the Technicians on non-work hours, they would be required to be available for overtime duty during snow events. This action will allow the Technicians to ticket violating vehicles to assist in the clearing of Emergency Snow Routes. This action will also benefit the Police Department by allowing police officers to concentrate on other duties during non-work hours.