

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2021

TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE

A local law to establish procedures for a snow emergency.

Be it enacted by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville as follows:

Section 1. Title:

This law shall be known as the “Local Law Establishing Procedures for a Snow Emergency.”

Section 2. Purpose and Intent:

The Town Board has determined that it is in the public interest to allow for the declaration of snow or winter emergencies to, among other things, allow for the safe flow of vehicular traffic during snow and winter conditions, as well as the safety and access of municipal snow removal equipment and emergency vehicles.

Section 3. Authority:

This local law is enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws to declare the existence of a snow emergency under the Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1660 (27) and to restrict the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles on any street under Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1660 (18).

Section 4. Existence of Snow Emergency:

The Town Supervisor, the Highway Superintendent or other duly designated person is hereby authorized to declare the existence of a snow emergency whenever actual or predicted accumulations of snow, sleet, ice or other winter conditions present hazardous conditions. The

declaration shall apply to those streets designated pursuant to the snow route defined in Section 9, below.

Section 5. Notice of Emergency:

The Town shall provide notice of a declared snow emergency on its website and on its Facebook page. In addition, the Town shall provide electronic notice to those residents who have provided an electronic mail address for purposes of receiving notice.

Section 6. Duration of Snow Emergency:

Unless otherwise specified, a snow emergency shall remain in effect for a period of forty-eight (48) hours after it is declared. Within 48 hours after the town announces the time that snow removal will occur all vehicles must be moved. The Town Supervisor, the Highway Superintendent or other duly designated person may extend the snow emergency for an additional specified period of up to forty-eight (48) additional hours or as long as hazardous conditions exist.

Section 7. Parking Restricted During Emergency:

When a snow or winter emergency is in effect, it shall be unlawful for the owner or driver of a motor vehicle to cause or allow such vehicle to be parked or to be left unattended on those streets and highways maintained by the Town, Albany County and/or New York State that are the subject of the declaration of emergency.

Section 8. Exceptions to Restrictions:

The provisions of Section 7 above shall not apply to emergency vehicles or medical personnel on emergency call.

Section 9. Snow Emergency Routes:

The Town Board shall by resolution designate those streets and highways within the Town to which a snow emergency declaration shall apply, as well as the specific regulations that shall apply to such streets and highways. The Town Board may authorize the Highway Superintendent or representatives of Albany County to cause to be erected appropriate signage with respect to such snow emergency routes.

Section 10. Enforcement: Penalties for Offenses:

The Town of Rensselaerville shall have the power to remove and store any vehicles that are parked, stopped, standing or abandoned on any street or highway within the Town in violation of this law. All removal and storage fees shall be the responsibility of the owner of said vehicle.

Section 11. Effective Date:

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York Secretary of State as provided in Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule.