Chapter 900: SNOW ROUTES

SECTION 1. Snow routes.

A. Snow routes shall be streets or portions of streets designated by ordinance. These streets shall receive priority treatment during normal snow operations and/or during a snow emergency. These streets shall be readily identifiable by sign designation.

B. No person shall impede or interfere in any way with a snow plow or other snow removal vehicle or equipment during operation.

C. No person shall stop, stand, park, or abandon a vehicle in a manner which obstructs or impedes traffic on a snow route during a snow emergency. Any vehicle obstructing or impeding traffic in violation of this section, and any vehicle parked in violation hereof may be removed from the snow route to a service station, garage, or other place of safety, and shall be considered an abandoned motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. Snow routes to be emergency routes also.

Snow routes shall also serve as emergency routes and will receive priority service for clearing and opening during any disaster or general emergency.

SECTION 3. Snow emergencies.

A. Whenever the chief of police of Jefferson City, Missouri, through information gathered from the Department of Community Development, the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, and through the U.S. Weather Service, or on the basis of falling snow or freezing rain, finds that it will be necessary that motor vehicle traffic be expedited and that parking on all or a portion of some city streets be prohibited, he shall have the power to declare a “snow emergency.”

B. Pursuant to the Code of the City of Jefferson, in the event the chief of police deems it necessary to declare a snow emergency, it shall be announced and broadcast publicly for a period of two (2) hours prior to enactment, if possible. Such announcement shall be in a form designated by the police department and distributed to all public news agencies for broadcast. No such emergency shall begin between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., of any day. The time the snow emergency shall be in effect shall be designated by the chief of police and shall be contained in the declaration. Designation of a snow emergency in Jefferson City shall, without further action, constitute a snow emergency in Wardsville.

C. Whenever a snow emergency is declared, parking shall be prohibited on a portion of the snow routes designated by ordinance. The signing shall be a regular no
parking sign with the addition of the words “Snow Emergency” or “Snow Route.” Parking in such areas shall be restricted only for the duration of the “snow emergency.”

SECTION 4. Enforcement.

Any police officer or Marshall of the Village who has the authority to issue tickets for parking violations shall have authority to issue tickets, citations, and summons for violations of this article.

SECTION 5. Minimum penalty and towing costs.

Any person who violates any provisions of this article shall be assessed a fine of at least twenty-five dollars ($25.00) and shall be assessed the applicable costs of towing and storage, which shall be in addition to the regular court costs.