

ORDINANCE NO. 67
SALFORD TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON
ROADS IN SALFORD TOWNSHIP DURING SNOW EMER-
GENCIES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS.

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Salford,
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, under and by virtue of auth-
ority granted by the Act of May 1, 1933, P.L. 103, as amended
known as the "Second Class Township Code" does hereby enact and
ordain:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

(1) Snow Emergency. A snowfall accumulation of two inches
or more during any period in which snow plow or snow removal
equipment shall be operating as such within Salford Township,
provided, however, that such period shall not extend more than
seventy-two (72) hours after the cessation of a snow storm.

(2) Chains. Full chains, strap chains or other types of
chains mounted on at least two (2) drive wheels of a motorized
vehicle.

(3) Snow Tires. Snow tires with sufficient tread to allow
self-propelled vehicles to move, through streets having thereon
two inches of snow or more.

(4) Vehicles. All self-propelled motorized vehicles using
Township streets and highways including taxi cabs.

Section 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

When there is a snow emergency as defined hereinabove:

(1) No vehicle shall be parked on any Township roads or streets.

(2) Any person who drives a vehicle without snow tires or chains upon any Township streets or roads and such vehicle becomes stalled or incapable of moving under its own power, or who leaves such vehicle unattended, shall be in violation of this Ordinance and is subject to the penalties set forth below.

(3) Any vehicle parked, stalled, incapable of moving under its own power, or left unattended upon any street or road of this Township in violation of this Ordinance and in such a way as to be an impediment to traffic or to snow removal operations, may be removed and/or impounded by the Township.

The Board of Supervisors shall designate a garage or other firm engaged in towing of automobiles to perform such removal.

Such removal shall be by direction of a member of the Board of Supervisors or by such other person(s) as shall be authorized by the Board of Supervisors by Resolution.

(4) No snow equipment or vehicles which do not have rubber tires shall be driven on Salford Township roads or streets without approval of the Salford Township Board of Supervisors or its lawfully authorized representative.

Section 3. STORAGE OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

In the event vehicles are removed and/or impounded under the authority of Section 2 mentioned above, said vehicles shall be stored in such storage areas and garages as are approved from

time to time by the Board of Supervisors by Resolution. Towing firms removing vehicles, and storage areas or garages used as pounds for the storage of vehicles mentioned above, shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors only after the owners have provided to the Board of Supervisors adequate evidence that they . are insured or bonded for the indemnification of the owner of such impounded vehicle against the loss thereof, or injury or damage thereto, while in the custody of such pound keeper, and have provided in writing for the Board of Supervisors, fixed specific towing and storage charges to be assessed against the owner of the vehicle.

Section 4. NOTICE TO OWNERS

Within twelve (12) hours from the time of the impounding of such vehicle or ascertainment by the Township as to the identity of the owner of such vehicle, notice of the fact that such vehicle has been impounded shall be sent by the Township to the owner of record of such vehicle designating the place from which said vehicle was removed, the reason for its impounding and the place in which it has been impounded.

Section 5. PAYMENT OF CHARGES

(1) Impounded vehicles shall be released from storage to their owners only upon payment by the owner of the full towing and storage charges described in Section 3 to the towing and/or storage firm.

(2) The payment by a vehicle's owner of such charges assessed above, shall be final and conclusive and shall constitute a waiver of any right to recover the money so paid by the owner of the motor vehicle(s) so impounded.

(3) The towing and/or storage firm shall provide the owner of the vehicle with a receipt to be signed by the owner, with a duplicate copy being sent to the Township.

Section 6. THROWING OF SNOW UNTO HIGHWAYS

It shall be unlawful to throw, shovel or plow snow into or upon any roads and streets within the Township with the intent of allowing such snow to remain on such roads and streets.

Section 7. PENALTIES

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the rules and regulations adopted thereunder, upon summary conviction therefore shall pay to the Township a fine of not more than \$25.00 plus costs of prosecution. Upon failure to pay the fine and costs imposed, the defendant may be sentenced to suffer imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten (10) days. A new and separate offence shall be deemed to have been committed for each day that said violation exists.

Section 8. VALIDITY

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any parts thereof.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1981.



Chairman

(Township Seal)

ATTEST:



Secretary/Treasurer

