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RESOLUTION #57:22

PROHIBITING PARKING ON ANY TOWNSHIP STREET OR HIGHWAY DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY PER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.17

The Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at the Township Offices with the following members present:

Mr. Barto
Mrs. Schlachter
Mr. Schuster

Mrs. Schlachter moved to adopt the following resolution;

WHEREAS; Section 505.17 of the Ohio Revised Code allows a Board of Township Trustees to adopt a general snow emergency authorization limiting or prohibiting parking on any township street or highway during a snow emergency declared pursuant to a snow emergency authorization, and

WHEREAS; the Board of Trustees of Washington Township has received complaints of vehicles parked on the township roads during snow removal and such parking impeded efficient snow removal by personnel, and

WHEREAS; the Board of Trustees of Washington Township desires to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry by maintaining passable roads during winter snowfalls for the provision of ambulance, police, and fire services, and to protect the general convenience of the population, and

WHEREAS; the Board of Trustees of Washington Township desire to provide such snow removal safely and efficiently and the parking of vehicles on township roads impedes that desire,

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, State of Ohio, Lucas County;

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of Washington Township hereby establishes and adopts a general snow emergency authorization. This snow emergency authorization shall apply to all township streets and highways in the unincorporated portion of Washington Township. The chairman of the board, township administrator or the township road superintendent may issue an order declaring a snow emergency and limiting or prohibiting parking on all township streets and highways in the unincorporated portion of Washington Township during the snow emergency. A snow emergency may be declared when snowfall exceeds 2 (two) inches or a severe snow or ice condition exists.

An order declaring a snow emergency shall become effective 2 (two) hours after the chairman of the board, township administrator or township road superintendent makes an announcement of a snow emergency to the local news media. The chairman of the board, township administrator or road superintendent shall request the local news media to announce that a snow emergency has been declared, the time the declaration shall go into effect, and whether the snow emergency will remain in effect for a specified period of time or indefinitely until canceled by a subsequent announcement to the local news media by the chairman of the board, township administrator or road superintendent.

Section 2. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.15(D) and 4521.02, a violation of this resolution shall not be considered a criminal offense for any purpose. A person who commits the violation shall not be arrested as a result of the commission of the violation. A violation of resolution shall be handled pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4521.02. The fine for violation of this resolution shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) if paid within seven days of the violation, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) if paid more than seven days but less than twenty-one days of the violation. Any monies received from violations of this resolution shall be paid into the township's general fund.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4521.02(B), the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, the chairman of the board, township administrator or the township road superintendent may order into storage any vehicle parked in violation of snow emergency declaration. The owner or any lienholder of a vehicle ordered into storage may claim the vehicle upon presentation of proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title to the vehicle, and payment of all expenses, charges, and fines incurred as a result of the parking violation and removal and storage of the vehicle.

Section 3. This resolution may be enforced where traffic control devices conforming to Section 4511.09 of the Ohio Revised Code are prominently displayed.

Section 4. All regulations and orders of this resolution shall be subject to the limitations, restrictions, and exceptions in Section 4511.01 to 4511.76 and 4513.37 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. All regulations and orders of this snow emergency authorization, except for an order declaring a snow emergency, shall be posted by the township fiscal officer in five conspicuous places in the township for thirty days before becoming effective, and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township for three consecutive weeks or as provided in section 7.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

In addition to these requirements, no general snow emergency authorization shall become effective until permanent signs giving notice that parking is limited or prohibited during a snow emergency are properly posted, in accordance with any applicable standards adopted by the department of transportation, along streets or highways specified in this resolution.

Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Township Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting and that all deliberations of the Trustees and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Barto seconded the Resolution, and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Schuster	Yes
Mrs. Schlachter	Yes
Mr. Barto	Yes

Adopted on September 27, 2022

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Lucas County

I, Michelle Nowakowski, the undersigned Fiscal Officer of Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio certifies that the foregoing Resolution #57:22 is a duplicate of proceedings from the Washington Township Board of Trustees, September 27, 2022. It has been compared by me with the original of record and is a true copy.

Michele Nowakowski
Fiscal Officer