

ORDINANCE # 2014-01

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 76 TO TITLE VII OF THE CITY OF READING CODE OF ORDINANCES AND THEREBY PROHIBIT THE PARKING, LEAVING UNATTENDED OR FAILING TO REMOVE ANY MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER ON ANY PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, PARKING LOT OR ALLEYWAY WITHIN THE CITY OF READING AFTER A SNOW FALL AND/OR DRIFTING SNOW OF FOUR (4') INCHES OR MORE PRIOR TO THE REMOVAL BY CITY PLOWING OF SUCH SNOW. PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF EXEMPTIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

THE CITY OF READING ORDAINS THAT:

Chapter 76 shall be added to Title VII of the City of Reading, Michigan Code of Ordinances providing as follows:

CHAPTER 76: SNOW REMOVAL

Section

- 76.01 Vehicles Restricting Snow Removal; Penalty and Enforcement
- 76.02 Notification of Restrictions
- 76.03 Exemptions
- 76.04 Applicability
- 76.05 Violations as Municipal Civil Infractions - Penalties
- 76.06 Effective Date

76.01 VEHICLES RESTRICTING SNOW REMOVAL; PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT

It is unlawful to park, leave unattended or failed to remove any motor vehicle or trailer on any public street, highway, parking lot or alleyway within the City of Reading after a snowfall and/or drifting snow of four (4") inches or more, prior to the removal by City plowing of such snow. All vehicles and/or trailers found in violation of this section shall be ticketed and the owner, if possible, notified to remove said vehicle from the public street, highway, parking lot or alleyway. In addition, the vehicle and/or trailer may be removed from the public street, highway, parking lot or alleyway at the expense of the vehicle owner. The expenses shall include all towing and storage charges attached to the vehicle. Enforcement of this section shall be under the direction of the police department personnel.

76.02 NOTIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS

The city manager or his/or designee shall cause notification to be given to all persons residing and those doing business in the city of Reading of the restrictions and of the penalties set forth by this chapter. Notification shall be made by publication in the official city newspaper within 20 days from the date of adoption of this ordinance and by posting signs in appropriate places on the streets and highways in the city.

76.03 EXEMPTIONS

A person may obtain a hardship permit from the police department by completing an application provided therefore, and signing an affidavit indicating that the residence does not have off-street parking, or off-street parking is inadequate by reason of his or her physical condition.

76.04 APPLICABILITY

This chapter shall apply to all public streets, highways, parking lots or alleyways located within the boundaries of the city.

76.05 VIOLATIONS AS MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS; PENALTIES

A person who violates the provision of this chapter shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and Reading City Police officers are hereby authorized to issue citations for such violations. The Judge or District Court Magistrate may order the defendant to pay a civil fine, costs, assessments, and, if applicable, damages and expenses as provided in Public Acts of 1961, Chapter 87, as added by Public Acts of 1994 and as amended. (MCL 600.8701 et seq.)

76.06 EFFECTIVE DATE

This chapter shall take effect 10 days after the date of its publication.

YAYS: Everett, Wheeler, Cook, Donihue and Briggs

NAYS: None

The foregoing ordinance was duly adopted at an open meeting of the Reading City Council held on the 11th day of November, 2014

Tracy Donihue, Mayor

Kimberly Blythe, Clerk

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