

City of Valley Snow Emergency Policy

SNOW EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:

Whenever, by reason of sleet, freezing rain, or a heavy snowfall a serious public hazard exists impairing transportation and the movement of fire, medical and police protection services, a snow emergency may be declared which shall continue until such time as snow removal, spreading of sand, or salting operations have been declared completed.

When the aforesaid conditions exist, the mayor or his/her designee shall have the authority to declare a snow emergency as well as completion of snow emergency operations. Whenever an emergency exists, the mayor or his/her designee shall cause an announcement thereof to be made within one hour by not less than two radio or television stations or other methods of communication whose normal operating range covers the City. When a snow emergency is in effect, no one shall park a motor vehicle on the streets within the City. (*Chapter 3, Section 317 Valley Municipal Code*)

PARKING DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY:

When a snow emergency is in effect, all vehicles parked on the streets in the City shall be ordered removed as hereinafter provided. All vehicles are to remain off said streets until the snow emergency operations have been completed. Vehicles parked in violation of this section are a nuisance and a danger and interfere with snow emergency operations; the chief of police thus has the authority to order the removal of any vehicle parked in violation of this section. The chief of police may issue such order personally or through one of the regular police officers. The costs of towing and storage of any such vehicle shall be paid by the registered owner. (*Chapter 3, Section 318, Valley Municipal Code*)

SNOW REMOVAL FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY:

It shall be unlawful for any person or business within the City of Valley, Nebraska, to remove or cause to be removed snow from any business lot, parking lot, or other private premises, including but not limited to sidewalks and driveways, which is pushed or otherwise deposited onto the streets, street parking areas, or alleys of said City.

CLEANING OF SIDEWALKS

It shall be unlawful for the occupant of any lot(s) or the owner of any vacant lot(s), within the corporate limits to allow snow, sleet, mud, ice or other substance to accumulate on the sidewalks or to permit any snow, sleet, ice, mud or other substance to remain upon said sidewalk. All sidewalks within the business district shall be cleaned within five hours after the cessation of a storm, unless the storm or fall of snow shall have taken place during the night, in which case the sidewalk shall be cleaned before 8:30 A.M. the following day; provided, sidewalks within

the residential areas of the City shall be cleaned within 24 hours after the cessation of the storm. (*Chapter 5, Section 308, Valley Municipal Code*)