ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 03

An Ordinance Amending the Douglass Township, Montgomery County Code of Ordinances Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles, Part 7 by adding Section 705, Directing the Removal of Vehicles from Township Roadways During Snow Events of Two or More Inches of Snow, and Authorizing Penalties for Violations.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Douglass Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles. Part 7, Paragraph 705 of Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles, is amended to add the following:

- 1. Parking prohibited on Township roadways upon accumulation of snow. No vehicles shall be permitted to stand or park upon any Township roadway and shall be removed therefrom until the roadway is plowed, following the accumulation of two or more inches of snow and/or ice during a single or multiple weather events.
- 2. Removal of Unlawfully Parked Vehicles; Payment of Towing & Storage.
 - A. Any vehicle parked in violation of this Ordinance shall be removed from the Township roadway to the owner's property or a place of safety or storage as determined by the Township, upon notice by any authorized road department employee or other township personnel, such notice to be placed on any such vehicle in violation.

SECTION 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or wording of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and for this reason, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

SECTION 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 6th day of December, 2021.

DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Joshua Z. Stouch, Chairman

Resignation Effective 12/6/21

Tom Wynne, Vice-Chairman

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ATTEST:

Peter J. Hiryak, Township Manager/Secretary

- B. Following notice of violation, any such vehicle in violation of this ordinance shall be removed to the owner's property or other designated location as determined by the Township within thirty (30) minutes.
- C. Should the vehicle not be removed within thirty (30) minutes after due notice, the Township is authorized to remove the vehicle from the roadway by towing and storage. Any costs incurred for the towing or storage of any vehicle removed from the Township roadways pursuant to this Section are the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle.
- 3. Deposit of snow and debris on Township roadways or other Township property.
 - A. No person shall place or deposit in a Township roadway or on public property, snow, dirt, leaves, mud, ice or other such material.
 - B. Any person who violates this Section by placing such materials in a Township roadway or on public property shall be assessed the cost of removal incurred by the Township.
- 4. Notice and Violation.
 - A. Should a vehicle in violation of this Section not be removed within thirty (30) minutes of notice, the violation shall be referred to the Douglass Township Police Department, to be prosecuted under Section B, below.
 - B. Upon observation or notice, Douglass Township Police Officers are authorized to issue citations for violations of any provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Full Force and Effect. All other provisions of Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles shall remain in full force and effect.