

ARTICLE XI  
Snow Routes; Snow Removal

**§ 615-33. Definitions. [Amended 1-7-1970 by Ord. No. 11784]**

The following words, when used in this article shall, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, mean or include as follows:

CITY — The City of Allentown.

PERSON — Any natural person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation.

STREET — Every way or place of whatever nature, within the City, open to the use of the public as a matter of right, for purpose of vehicular travel.

VEHICLE — Any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public street.

**§ 615-34. Declaration of snow emergency. [Amended 12-1-1970 by Ord. No. 11838; 10-6-1994 by Ord. No. 13283]**

- A. In the event weather conditions make it necessary for motor vehicle traffic to be expedited and parking on City streets be prohibited or restricted for snow plowing and other purposes, the Mayor or the Mayor's designated representative shall declare a snow emergency. The declaration of a snow emergency may be made on any of the seven days of the week at anytime between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Such declaration shall not go into effect until four hours after it has been announced. Once in effect, a prohibition under this section shall remain in effect until terminated by announcement of the Mayor or the Mayor's representative, except that any street area which has become clear of snow and ice from curb to median line for the length of the entire block shall be automatically excluded therefrom. While the prohibition is in effect, no person shall park or allow to remain parked any vehicle on any portion of a snow emergency route.
- B. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any other provision of law.

**§ 615-35. Snow emergency routes. [Amended 3-20-1997 by Ord. No. 13557; 12-26-2011 by Ord. No. 14961]**

Upon declaration of an emergency and for the duration thereof, parking shall be prohibited on the following streets, except as provided for in § 615-34:

Street	From	To
7th	Union	City line
12th	Green	Tilghman
12th	Hamilton	Walnut
15th	Elm	Mauch Chunk Road

Street	From	To
17th	Hamilton	City line
24th	Hamilton	East Texas Boulevard
Chew	4th	City line
East Hamilton	Carlisle	Aubrey
Emaus Ave	Bradford	Mack Boulevard
Front	North City line	Gordon
Gordon	American Parkway	Front
Hamilton	Front	4th
Hamilton	12th	20th
Hanover Avenue	East Hamilton	City line
Irving	Hanover Avenue	Union Boulevard
Lehigh	Auburn	South 12th
Liberty	17th	19th
North 19th	Liberty	Roth Avenue
North 4th	Gordon	Chew
Oxford Drive	Lehigh	Salisbury Drive
South 10th	Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr.	Wyoming
South 4th	Hamilton	Walnut
South 4th	Priscilla	Susquehanna
South 8th	Walnut	Union
South 8th	Harrison	Susquehanna
St. John	South 8th	Lehigh
Susquehanna	South 4th	City line
Tilghman	Front	30th
Union Boulevard	Irving	Club Avenue
Walnut	South 4th	South 12th

**§ 615-36. Prohibited parking. [Amended 1-3-1973 by Ord. No. 11984; 10-6-1994 by Ord. No. 13283]**

In the event any street is scheduled by the Mayor, or the Mayor's designated representative, for snow removal, it shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle at or failure to remove a vehicle from any place along such street:

- A. Four hours following such posting on all established four-hour-or-less parking meter zones on streets;

- B. Four hours following such posting on all established limited parking zones on streets; and
- C. Six hours following such posting on all other streets.

**§ 615-37. Removal of vehicles. [Amended 1-7-1970 by Ord. No. 11784; 10-6-1994 by Ord. No. 13283; 1-7-1999 by Ord. No. 13727]**

Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this article may be removed by any member of the Police Bureau, their designee, or a designated Allentown Parking Authority personnel. Any vehicle removed may be towed to and placed at any area designated by the Mayor or his duly designated representative for impounding of vehicles. All costs for removal, towing, storage or parking of any vehicle removed under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle and the vehicle shall remain impounded until all costs are paid.

**§ 615-38. Snow removal. [Amended 1-7-1970 by Ord. No. 11784; 10-6-1994 by Ord. No. 13283]**

- A. No person shall remove snow or ice from private property and put, place, deposit or cause to be put, placed or deposited snow or ice so removed upon the right-of-way of any street.
- B. No person shall remove or cause to be removed snow or ice from any sidewalk or footway and put, place, deposit or cause to be put, placed or deposited snow or ice so removed upon that portion of the street normally used for the travel of vehicles.
- C. This section shall not be in force and effect in areas where curbside parking is prohibited or there is no available private property upon which to put, place or deposit snow or ice so removed.

**§ 615-39. Violations and penalties for snow removal provisions. [Amended 6-6-1985 by Ord. No. 12658; 8-5-1987 by Ord. No. 12784]**

- A. Any police officer or other duly authorized Parking Authority employee shall place on motor vehicles/conveyances parked in violation of the provisions of § 615-34, Declaration of snow emergency, and § 615-36, Prohibited parking, a notice of said violation. **[Amended 12-1-1993 by Ord. No. 13227; 10-6-1994 by Ord. No. 13283]**
  - (1) Each such owner or operator may, within 10 days of the time when such notice was attached to his motor vehicle/conveyance, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$35. **[Amended 4-9-2001 by Ord. No. 13901]**
  - (2) Each such owner or operator may, from the 11th to the 20th day of the time when such notice was attached to his motor vehicle/conveyance, pay as a penalty and in full consideration of each violation the sum of \$50.
  - (3) Failure of the owner or operator to make payment after 20 days shall make the

owner or operator subject to a penalty not to exceed \$100 and, in default of payment of fine and costs, be imprisoned not more than 10 days. **[Amended 4-9-2001 by Ord. No. 13901]**

- B. Whoever violates § 615-38A, Snow removal, shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine or penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300 and costs and, in default of payment of fine and costs, be imprisoned for not more than 30 days. **[Amended 10-6-1994 by Ord. No. 13283]**
- C. Whoever violates § 615-38B, Snow removal, shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine or penalty of \$100 and costs and, in default of payment of fine and costs, be imprisoned not more than three days.<sup>1</sup> **[Amended 10-6-1994 by Ord. No. 13283]**

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1. Editor's Note: Original Art. 528, Prohibiting Use of Mobile Telephones by Persons Operating Vehicles, as added 3-9-2010 by Ord. No. 14782, which immediately followed this section, was repealed at time of adaption of Code (see Ch. I, General Provisions, Art. I).