

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-__

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-21 PERTAINING TO THE
REGULATION AND CONTROL OF PARKING OF VEHICLES IN AND UPON THE
STREETS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO,
ILLINOIS, DURING SNOW REMOVAL**

WHEREAS, the increased parking of vehicles upon streets within the corporate limits of the Village of Winnebago during periods of snow removal requires reasonable and proper regulation and control to protect and safeguard against injury to persons and property and to permit efficient and effective snow removal; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village to provide the Director of Public Works with authority to declare a Snow Emergency in advance of a storm, so that proper public notice may be given and snow removal operations may be conducted in a safe and timely manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION I – SHORT TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Snow Removal Parking Regulation Ordinance.”

SECTION II - PARKING RESTRICTIONS DURING SNOWFALL

No person shall park any motor vehicle on any street located within the corporate limits of the Village of Winnebago under the following conditions:

- (a)** After snow has fallen to a depth of two (2) inches or more until such time as the snow has been plowed to the side of the street;
- (b)** During a declared Snow Emergency, as authorized in Section III, regardless of the amount of accumulation.

SECTION III – AUTHORITY TO DECLARE SNOW EMERGENCY

The Village Administrator, or his or her designee, in consultation with the Director of Public Works or the Chief of Police, shall have the authority to declare a Snow Emergency in advance of, or during, any anticipated or ongoing winter storm event.

A Snow Emergency may be declared based on projected weather conditions, forecasted snow accumulation, or any other factors likely to impair snow removal efforts or create hazardous travel conditions.

The declaration shall be communicated to the public using the Village website, social media accounts, local media outlets, or other reasonable methods.

During a declared Snow Emergency, the parking restrictions in Section II shall be in full effect until such time as the Snow Emergency has been lifted.

SECTION IV – PENALTIES

A. **Fine Structure.** Any person, whether as owner, operator, or person in control of a vehicle, who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to the following fine schedule:

1. **First Offense:** Fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
2. **Second and Subsequent Offenses:** Fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per violation.

Each day a vehicle remains in violation constitutes a separate offense. The Village may track offenses per snow season (October 1 through April 30) for enforcement purposes. In the event there is no resolution of the ticket issued in accordance with the above schedule, the matter will then be prosecuted by the Village Attorney as an ordinance violation, and be subject to court fees and costs associated with being entered into the court system.

B. **Towing and Storage:** In addition to any applicable fine, the violator shall be responsible for the reasonable and customary towing and storage charges associated with the removal and impoundment of any vehicle parked in violation. No towing or storage fees shall be assessed for any removal determined to have been erroneous.

SECTION V – REMOVAL OF VEHICLES

The Police Department of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois, is hereby authorized to cause the removal from the street of any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION VI – REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2004-21

This ordinance revokes, supersedes, and replaces Ordinance No. 2004-21 in its entirety previously passed and approved on 12-28-2004 and published in pamphlet form on 12-29-2004. Furthermore, any other ordinance or portion of an ordinance in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

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