TOWNSHIP OF CENTER, BEAVER COUNTY

ORDINANCE 2-2001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTER, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF SNOW EMERGENCIES AND PROHIBITING PARKING ON TOWNSHIP ROADS DURING SUCH DECLARATION

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to make provisions for snow removal operations to be conducted expeditiously, economically, and efficiently so as to insure the completion of such functions with the minimum inconvenience to users of township streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, parking of vehicles on township streets during snow removal operations has caused delay and hazard to such operations and restricts the movement of emergency vehicles; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Center, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained:

Section 1. - SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES DESIGNATED BY TOWNSHIP POSTING SIGNS:

In order to expedite traffic, to allow for snow removal operations and to ensure that the movement of vital services to the township and its residents are continued, such as police and fire protection, health and medical care and the transportation of food and fuel supplies, the township shall designate all township streets and highways as snow emergency routes. Signs, bearing the words "snow emergency route" shall be posted upon or at the entrance to the street or highway or part thereof as may be appropriate so that they are sufficient in number and adequate in size to be seen by an ordinarily observant person.

Section 2. - SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION BY ROAD MASTER ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTICE:

Whenever a heavy accumulation of snow has fallen or is reasonably anticipated to occur, the road master or his designee,

through appropriate news media, is authorized to declare a snow emergency alert which shall notify the public that due to existing or impending weather conditions, a no parking ban shall be in effect on all township streets. The snow emergency declaration shall take effect three hours after first announced by the road master or his designee and once in effect shall continue until like announcement of termination thereof. The road master or his designee shall request the cooperation of newspapers and radio stations to announce the declaration of a snow emergency alert and the time that it shall take effect. All persons, without regard to actual notice, shall have primary responsibility to determine the existence of a snow emergency alert and to comply with the emergency regulations thereof.

Section 3. - PARKING PROHIBITED ON SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE DURING DECLARATION:

During the existence of any snow emergency declaration, no person shall park, abandon or leave attended or unattended or permit to remain parked or unattended any vehicle on any portion of a snow emergency route. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is restricted or prohibited by any other provision by law.

Section 4. - REMOVAL OF UNLAWFULLY PARKED VEHICLES; PAYMENT OF TOWING AND STORAGE:

Vehicles parked in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be removed from the street to a place of safety or nearest garage upon order of any police officer. All costs for the towing of any vehicle removed from the streets and highways as authorized herein shall be paid by the owner thereof.

Section 5. - DEPOSIT OF SNOW ON STREET:

No person shall place or deposit snow, dirt, leaves, mud deposits, ice or any other matter detrimental to the free movement of the traffic or cause to be placed or deposited snow, dirt, leaves, mud deposits, ice or any other matter detrimental to the free movement of the traffic upon the right of way of any street or highway or any public property in the Township of Center.

Section 6. - NOTICE AND VIOLATION:

(a) Road Department personnel shall attach warning notices to any vehicle parked in violation of any provision of this Ordinance instructing the owner or operator of such vehicle that any subsequent violation shall be referred to the Center Township Police Department. Any subsequent violation shall be prosecuted under § B hereinafter.

(b) Police Officers shall attach violation notices to any vehicle parked in violation of any provision of this Ordinance instructing the owner or operator of such vehicle to report to the

Police Department in regard to such violation. The owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when such notice was attached to his vehicle, pay twenty-five ($25.00) dollars as a penalty and in full satisfaction of such violation. Owners or operators failing to make payment within ten days shall upon conviction be fined not more than one hundred ($100.00) dollars and costs.

(c) Whoever violates Section 5 of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than twenty-five ($25.00) dollars and costs.

AND it is hereby ordained and enacted this 22ND day of JANUARY, 2001.

TOWNSHIP OF CENTER

Carl E Naggy Jr

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Rachael Del Fondo

Township Secretary