ORDINANCE NO. 606

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES, PROVIDING WHEN PARKING ON EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES IS PROHIBITIED, AND AUTHORIZING ANY VEHICLE PARKED ON AN EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTE DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY TO BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Wathena, Kansas, has determined that motor vehicles being parked on certain city streets and portions thereof during snow emergencies impedes snow removal efforts and creates a safety hazard.

SECTION 1. That for purposes of this ordinance the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "Emergency Snow Route" shall mean and include St. Joseph Street between Fourth Street and US Highway 36 and such additional streets or portions thereof as are, by signs placed thereon, designated as Emergency Snow Routes.

(b) A "Snow Emergency" shall exist any time it has snowed two (2) or more inches at Rosecrans Memorial Airport, St. Joseph, Missouri, and declared by the US Weather Service, and the emergency snow routes have not been plowed or otherwise cleared, or a snow emergency has been declared by the Mayor of the City of Wathena, the President of the Governing Body of the City of Wathena, or the Chief of Police of the City of Wathena and notice of said declaration is posted on the front door of the Wathena City Hall. If a snow emergency is declared as herein provided, such shall remain in full force and effect for so long as notice thereof remains posted on the front door of the City of Wathena City Hall.

(c) "Vehicle" means every device, licensed or unlicensed, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported, whether such device be in running condition or not.

SECTION 2. Any vehicle parked on a street designated as an emergency snow route may be towed by the City of Wathena, its employees, agents or designees and all expenses associated with towing and/or storing said vehicle shall be paid by the owner thereof.

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SECTION 3. REPEALER. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances of the City of Wathena, Kansas, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in The Kansas Chief, the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor on the 5th day of April, 2010.

James McAnerney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jim Richardson, City Clerk

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