

ORDINANCE NO. 1517

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIV. TRAFFIC, ARTICLE 2, LOCAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, SECTION 14-215. OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS, TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR PARKING AND OPERATION OF VEHICLES UPON STREETS DURING TRAFFIC EMERGENCIES AND UPON STREETS DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1274, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1997; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1383, DATED OCTOBER 18, 2005.

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

SECTION 1: Ordinance No. 1274, dated November 18, 1997, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: Ordinance No. 1383, dated October 18, 2005, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That Section 14-215 of the Municipal Code of the City of Colby, Kansas, shall be amended to read as follows:

14-215. PARKING, OPERATION OF VEHICLES UPON STREETS DURING TRAFFIC EMERGENCIES AND UPON STREETS DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES.

(a) Finding of Governing Body. The City Council finds that the operation of vehicles on streets covered by a heavy accumulation of snow and the parking of vehicles on emergency snow routes is a matter affecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Colby, Kansas, for the reason that parked, stalled, and abandoned vehicles impede snow removal operations and cause serious traffic congestion.

(b) Declaration of Traffic Emergency. Whenever snow has accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to such a depth that snow removal operations will be required, the Mayor, or in the absence of the Mayor, the City Manager or

the Director of Public Works, may declare a Traffic Emergency as follows:

Stage 1 Traffic Emergency

- (1) During a Stage 1 Traffic Emergency, it will be unlawful to park a vehicle on any street designated an emergency snow route as identified in Subsection (e) below.

Stage 2 Traffic Emergency

- (1) During a Stage 2 Traffic Emergency, it will be unlawful to park a vehicle on any street designated an emergency snow route as identified in Subsection (e) below; and
- (2) It will be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle without first having equipped such vehicle with tire chains, except that motor vehicles with four-wheel-drive (4WD) need not be equipped with tire chains.

Stage 3 Traffic Emergency

- (1) During a Stage 3 Traffic Emergency, it will be unlawful to park a vehicle on any street designated an emergency snow route as identified in Subsection (e) below; and
- (2) It will be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle on any City street except in the case of an emergency. Emergency vehicles will be allowed.

(c) Notice of Traffic Emergency; Termination. Upon declaring a traffic emergency, the Mayor, City Manager, or Director of Public Works shall forthwith cause appropriate notice to be given to the local press, radio, and other media on the severity of the emergency and the phase which has been invoked. The traffic emergency shall be terminated by notice substantially in the same manner as it was declared.

(d) Removal of Stranded and Parked Vehicles. All vehicles parked on emergency snow routes must be removed within two (2) hours after declaration of a traffic emergency has been given. All stranded or abandoned vehicles impeding snow removal or causing traffic congestion of any city street shall be removed immediately. After declaration of a traffic emergency,

any vehicle parked on an emergency snow route after two (2) hour notice and any vehicle impeding snow removal operations or causing traffic congestion may be removed or caused to be removed by a police officer to the nearest garage or other place of safety and the vehicle may not be recovered until the towing and storage charges are paid by the owner of the vehicle.

(e) Emergency Snow Routes; Establishment; Signs. The following streets are hereby established an emergency snow route within the City:

- Fourth Street from East City Limits to West City Limits
- Range Avenue from Kyle Railroad Tracks to I-70 Interchange
- Country Club Drive from East Ninth Street to I-70 Interchange
- Franklin Avenue from Eighth Street to Willow Street
- Pine Street from Country Club Drive to Range Avenue
- Hill Street from Country Club Drive to Franklin Avenue
- College Drive from Country Club Drive to Range Avenue
- Davis Avenue from Franklin Avenue to Range Avenue
- Horton Avenue from the Intersection of K-25 through the Intersection of Country Club Drive
- Willow from the Intersection of K-25 through the Intersection of Franklin Avenue

The Director of Public Works shall, upon passage of this section, cause appropriate signs to be installed along each of said streets designated emergency snow routes.

14-216 SAME; PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day a violation of this Article shall continue, after a person is charged with the same, shall be a new and independent violation of this Article chargeable to the violator.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication in the Colby Free Press as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 19th day of March, 2013.

Gary L. Adrian, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joni L. Ketchum, City Clerk

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