

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER III, POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, CHAPTER XVIII, FIRE PREVENTION, CHAPTER XIX, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, AND ORDINANCE 98-20 AS AMENDED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO INSTITUTE AND AMEND ORDINANCES AS CONCERNS SNOW AND SNOW REMOVAL, AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I – AMENDMENTS

(A) Chapter III, Police Regulations, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Springfield, shall be amended to establish Section 3-19, Fire Hydrants, as follows:

3-19 FIRE HYDRANTS

3-19.1 Piling of Snow. No property owner, tenant, employee, agent, or other person, shall shovel, plow, blow, or in any other manner place snow, ice, or other similar precipitation on or around any fire hydrant within the Township, either before, during or after same has been cleared of such precipitation for access by or on behalf of the Township.

3-19.2 Blocking of Access. No property owner, tenant, employee, agent, or other person, shall place, or allow to be placed, on or around any fire hydrant within the Township, any garbage, refuse, or other item which would block or interfere with prompt, free and lawful access to such fire hydrant.

(B) Chapter VII, Traffic, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Springfield, Section 7-7.3, Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal, shall be amended to read in full as follows:

As to all streets, roads and highways within the Township, whenever snow or other precipitation has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers any such street, road or highway, an emergency shall thereby exist, and no vehicle shall be parked on or so as to cover such street, road, or highway, or any portion thereof. Such restriction shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until any such street, road or highway has been plowed sufficiently, or in any other manner cleared, so that such parking will not interfere with the

normal flow of traffic or with the removal of snow. An unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation hereof shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and property regulation of traffic, and in addition to all other fines and penalties, such vehicle shall be subject to towing, , the cost of which to be paid for by the owner or operator of the vehicle before such vehicle shall be released, after reasonable attempts have been made to contact the owner of such vehicle so it may voluntarily be moved.

(C) Chapter XVIII, Fire Prevention, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Springfield, is amended as follows:

(i) Section 18-3, Regulations, is hereby established as follows:

18-3 REGULATIONS.

18-3.1 [This section is hereby established to incorporate in full the text of current Section 18-2.6, and such paragraph is deleted.]

18-3.2 [This section is hereby established to incorporate the title and full text of the first sentence of current Section 18-2.4.]

18-3.3 Snow clearing. The owner or tenant of any real property upon which a fire zone or fire lane has been established shall, within twelve (12) hours of the daylight hour after a fall or accumulation of snow, remove such snow from all such Fire Zones or Fire Lanes, and ensure that such Fire Zones and Fire Lanes shall remain clear of snow at all times thereafter.

18-3.4 Penalty. [This section is hereby established to incorporate the text of the second sentence of current Section 18-2.4, and such paragraph is deleted.]

18-3.5 [This section is hereby established to incorporate in full the text of current Section 18-2.7, and such paragraph is deleted.]

(ii) Section 18-2 Establishment of Fire Zones, is hereby amended to re-designate paragraph 18-2.5 as paragraph 18-2.4, and incorporating the full current text of same.

(D) Chapter XIX, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Springfield, is hereby amended as follows:

(i) Section 19-8.1(a) shall be amended to replace the words "eighteen(18) hours of daylight after" with the following: twenty-four (24) hours of the cessation of

(ii) Paragraph 19-8.5 shall be established as follows:

19-8.5 Placement of Snow in Street. Subsequent to any street, roadway or highway being plowed to remove snow or other accumulated precipitation, no property owner, tenant, employee, agent, or other person shall plow, blow, shovel or in any other manner place snow upon the public street, road or highway so as to block the parking or passage of vehicles, or create ice or other hazard. It shall be strictly prohibited to plow the snow from a driveway across the width of the street to be piled on the opposing side of the street.

(E) Township of Springfield Ordinance No. 98-20, as amended by Ordinances Nos. 99-6, 99-20, and 00-03, shall be amended to add the following paragraph, to be inserted in the appropriate place, corresponding to Springfield Code (1991), section 219-1(B):

No person shall park a vehicle in any municipal parking lot whenever snow or other precipitation has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers any such parking lot, to such a degree that plowing or other removal of such snow will reasonably be necessary. Such restriction shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until such parking lot has been plowed, or in any other manner cleared, so that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic within such lot, or with the removal of snow.

SECTION II - RATIFICATION

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - SEVERABILITY

In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section,

paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION IV - REPEAL

Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

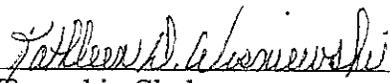
SECTION V – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.



Chairman, Township Committee

Passed and approved
JANUARY 22 , 2002



Township Clerk