

ORDINANCE NO.: 81 -2015
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Roche

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE
SECTION 351.17, "SNOW AND OTHER EMERGENCIES",
TO INCLUDE SNOW ACCUMULATION EXCEEDING
TWO INCHES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor has brought to this Council's attention the desirability of amending Codified Ordinance Section 351.17 to prohibit parking on City streets when snow accumulation exceeds two inches; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds it in the best interest of the residents of the City that the Section be so amended in the interest of public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Existing Section 351.17, "Snow And Other Emergencies", is amended to read as follows:

351.17 SNOW AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

(a) Whenever snow accumulation exceeds two (2) inches on City streets, parking of any vehicles, excepting for immediate loading or unloading of passengers, shall be prohibited on all streets within the confines of this City.

(b) Whenever the Director of Public Safety shall declares an emergency to exist, by reason of heavy snow accumulation, ice of snow or other cause, parking of any vehicles, excepting for immediate loading or unloading of passengers, shall be prohibited during the duration of such emergency on all streets within the confines of this City. Such ban shall commence one hour after the first announcement by radio, telephone, or other media or internet outlets T.V. station that such emergency has been declared.

(c) (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this subsection (a) or (b) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this subsection (a) or (b) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this subsection (a) or (b) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens, property owners, business tenants and visitors to, the City of Richmond Heights, and for the further reason that it is necessary to immediately amend the section of the Traffic Code to provide for authorization to prohibit parking on City streets when snow accumulation exceeds 2 inches which may occur in the quickly approaching season; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____, 2015

David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED: _____, 2015

ATTEST: _____

Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council

Eloise Cotton-Henry
President of Council