

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012 - 02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING PARKING OF VEHICLES DURING PERIODS OF SNOW FALL, PROHIBITING THE DUMPING, SHOVELING, PUSHING OR PLACEMENT OF SNOW OR ICE ONTO THE PUBLIC STREETS OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATION FROM FIRE HYDRANTS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OR FAILURE TO CONFORM TO SUCH REGULATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, Snow storms can, and do, impair the flow of vehicular traffic and fire equipment which may adversely impact the welfare and safety of the residents of Monroe Township as well as affect persons traveling on the streets.

**WHEREAS**, to assure the protection, welfare, and safety of the public, it is vital that the streets are cleared of snow and ice as promptly as possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, hereby enact as follows:

**SECTION 1: Declaration of snow and ice emergency**

In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on the township streets, the Township Road Foreman, in his discretion, may declare a snow and ice emergency ("snow emergency"). Information on the existence of a snow emergency may be given by the Township Road Foreman through radio, television, or other media and information on termination of the emergency may be given by the same media. **Such notice shall be sufficient if announced by two radio or television stations.** When circumstances permit, notice may also be given by publication of a news release in a newspaper of general circulation in Monroe Township.

**SECTION 2: Parking restrictions**

Beginning three hours after the notice (radio, television, etc.) that a snow emergency has been declared, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the emergency, to park any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any public street or alley within Monroe Township.

**SECTION 3: Authorized towing of vehicles**

Any employee of Monroe Township engaged in road work is hereby authorized to remove or have removed any vehicle parked on any public street or alley within Monroe Township in violation of this ordinance and to take or have taken the vehicle to the nearest garage or place of safety. The registered owner of such vehicle shall be



promptly notified in writing of the fact of such removal, the place to which said vehicle has been removed and where he may obtain such vehicle following payment of any and all towing and storage charges. Neither Monroe Township, nor its officers and employees shall be held responsible for any damage to any vehicle occurring as a result of towing, impoundment or storage of a vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance.

No vehicle shall be removed under the authority of this ordinance if, at the time of the intended removal, the owner or the person for the time being in charge of the vehicle is present and expresses a willingness and intention to remove the vehicle immediately. Provided, however, that any charges for towing already incurred due to a request for towing services having been made prior to removal shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or the vehicle. Upon failure to pay such charges within twenty (20) days after notice by the Township of the charges, the same shall be collectible by Monroe Township pursuant to the provisions of **Section 6, Penalties**, as hereinafter set forth. **The mailing date of the notice shall be considered notice by the Township.**

#### **SECTION 4: Removal of snow, ice, slush onto streets**

It shall be unlawful for owners, occupants or tenants of property to dump, throw, shovel, pile or push any snow or ice removed from driveways or walkways into any public street or alley in Monroe Township. No snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof, shall be pushed or deposited into any drainage area, stream, culvert or catch basin.

No snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof, shall be deposited, pushed or maintained within a commercial, manufacturing, industrial or multiple family zoning district parking facility or at or near an intersection in any zoning district, in a manner or at a location which creates a traffic hazard by impairing visibility from or on a public street or alley in Monroe Township.

No person shall damage any Township property, including but not limited to, traffic signs, culverts, etc. while removing snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof. Any damage to Township property shall be repaired or replaced in accordance with the requirements of the Township at the expense of the property owner.

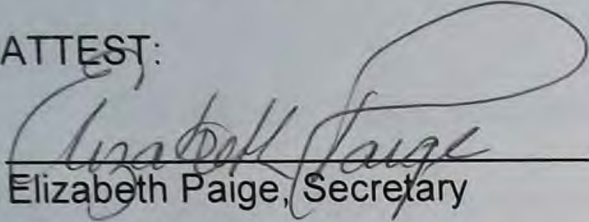
#### **SECTION 5: Fire hydrants not to be covered**

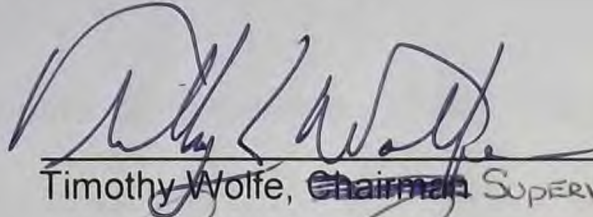
Fire hydrants shall not be covered. The property owner shall remove or cause to be removed, all snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof or any accumulation and/or impediment which would limit access to, from, and/or around all of the fire hydrants which are located on said property, so as to provide immediate access by fire rescue personnel in cases of emergency. In cases involving a storm, fire hydrants shall be cleared of all snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof within twenty-four (24) hours following the storm, and, in any event, any accumulate shall be removed not less than once in every twenty-four (24) hour period.

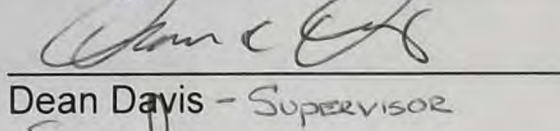


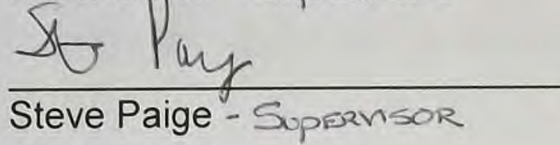
ORDAINED AND ENACTED at a duly assembled public meeting by the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, this 25th day of September, 2012.

ATTEST:

  
Elizabeth Paige, Secretary

  
Timothy Wolfe, ~~Chairman~~ SUPERVISOR

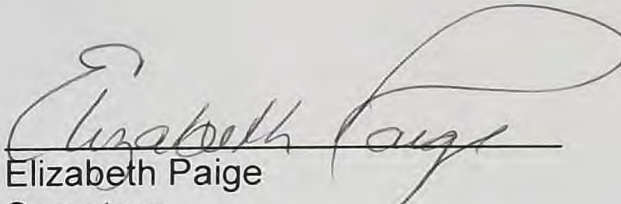
  
Dean Davis - SUPERVISOR

  
Steve Paige - SUPERVISOR



**CERTIFICATION**

I, Elizabeth Paige, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Monroe, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Monroe Township Ordinance No. 2012 - 02 which was duly enacted at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township on the 25th day of September, 2012.

  
Elizabeth Paige  
Secretary

