

City of Union -- Snow Emergencies

During snow emergencies or heavy snow, vehicles must be removed from the street for at least 24 hours to allow crews to remove snow. Heavy snow means a snowfall with an average depth of 2 inches or more; drifting conditions are also considered heavy snow. Vehicles interfering with snow removal operations may be ticketed by police, subjecting the owner to a \$30 fine and/or the vehicle may be impounded by police.

Snow Ordinance

Here is the exact wording of Union Code Section 351.14 on Snow Emergencies, which was passed Feb. 13, 1978, by City Council:

(a) No owner of any vehicle shall at any time during and within twenty-four hours following a heavy snow permit such vehicle to be parked upon any of the streets or parts thereof within the City or in any way cause or permit the vehicle to interfere with the snow removal operations of the City or the State Department of Transportation.

(b) "Heavy snow" means a snowfall having an average depth of two inches or more; however, if, in connection with any snowfall, snowdrifts are formed which create a serious obstruction to the movement of motor vehicles, this condition shall be considered the same as "heavy snow."

(c) Any vehicle so parked which interferes with snow removal operations may be impounded by any police officer and ordered towed to a place of storage at the owner's expense. Any person desiring to redeem such impounded vehicle may be required to first pay all expenses and storage charges before obtaining possession of the vehicle.

Ordinance 447, passed 2-13-78.

Here is the wording of Union Code Section 351.99 on Ticketing, which was passed April 3, 1990, by City Council:

Any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer parked in violation of Union Code Section 351.14 shall be ticketed by leaving a ticket affixed in a visible location upon the vehicle. The owner or operator of the vehicle shall be subject, for a violation of Union Code Section 351.14, to pay a prescribed fine in the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00). The owner or operator of the vehicle may pay the fine to the Police Department within seven days of the ticket. The payment shall be deemed a plea of guilty, waiver of court appearance, and acknowledgement of conviction of the alleged offense, and may be accepted in full satisfaction of the prescribed penalty of the violation. If not paid within the seven-day period, the prescribed fine shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00). The payment shall be accepted in full satisfaction of the prescribed penalty of the violation. If payment is not made within thirty days, a charge shall be filed in municipal court, and the Clerk of Courts shall cause the issuance of summons upon the owner of the vehicle as prescribed by law and tax municipal court costs. Payment prior to the issuance of

summons as aforesaid shall not be accepted by mail or at the Police Department if the owner or operator has been so convicted of this offense on two previous occasions within sixty days immediately preceding the date of violation.

Ordinance 883, passed 4-3-90.