

SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN

The City of Ponca attempts to plow all city streets within 24 hours of a snowfall two inches or greater. The City of Ponca Snow Emergency Plan consists of three levels: Level 1 – Snow accumulations of two inches to 10 inches; Level 2 – Snow forecasts or accumulations of 10 inches to 18 inches; Level 3 – Snow forecasts or accumulations of 18 inches or more. Snow accumulations of less than two inches will be handled by the material spreader truck. When snow accumulations reach two inches or more, plowing is initiated on the streets following the Snow Route System. The Snow Route System consists of three categories: Priority 1 – Central Business District, Commercial District, and State Spur 26E; Priority 2 – All residential streets beginning with East/West directional streets followed by North/South directional streets; Priority 3 – Alleys. If it continues to snow, crews may be required to stay on the Priority 1 and 2 streets until the snowfall stops.

During a Level 1 Snow Emergency, the following parking shall be prohibited as follows:

1. It shall be unlawful to park on Third St. and Fourth St. from Nebraska St. to East St. during the hours of 2 A.M. and 6 A.M.
2. It shall be unlawful to park on East St., Union St., and Nebraska St. between Third St. and Fourth St. during the hours of 2 A.M. and 6 A.M.
3. These hours shall be in effect from October 1st, 2015 to May 1st, 2016, and each consecutive year thereafter unless otherwise amended.
4. Said City shall cause notices (to be posted or erect signs) indicating such prohibition.
5. All vehicles parked on residential streets must be removed within eight hours until the street is cleared.
6. Any person who shall violate the above stated parking prohibitions during a snow emergency shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, together with the cost of the action.
7. Any person who is found to be in violation of the above stated parking prohibitions will be subject to further violations every 24 hours following the initial violation, if the parking violation is not corrected.

During a Level 2 Snow Emergency, the following actions will be taken, and parking shall be prohibited as follows:

1. A Level 2 Snow Emergency notification will be posted on the City of Ponca electronic sign.
2. A Level 2 Snow Emergency notification will be broadcast on the closing/delay banner of a local TV station.
3. It shall be unlawful to park on any Priority 1 or Priority 2 street until they have been cleared of snow.
4. All vehicles parked on Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets must be moved within eight hours of the Level 2 Snow Emergency declaration.
5. All improperly parked vehicles will be subject to the same penalties as a Level 1 Snow Emergency.
6. All snow piles will be moved to four designated locations after all streets have been cleared. The designated locations are as follows:
 - i. East end of Fourth St.
 - ii. East end of Third St.
 - iii. Parking lot of Chief Standing Bear City Park
 - iv. City Mixing plant

During a Level 3 Snow Emergency the following actions will be taken, and parking shall be prohibited as follows:

1. A Level 3 Snow Emergency notification will be posted on the City of Ponca electronic sign.
2. A Level 3 Snow Emergency notification will be broadcast on the closing/delay banner of a local TV station.
3. A "no travel advised" notification will also be posted with the two previously stated notifications.
4. It shall be unlawful to park on any Priority 1 or Priority 2 street until they have been cleared of snow.
5. All vehicles parked on Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets must be moved within eight hours of the Level 3 Snow Emergency declaration.
6. All improperly parked vehicles will be subject to the same penalties as a level 1 Snow Emergency.
7. It shall be unlawful for any person operating a motor vehicle on a Priority 1 or Priority 2 street to allow such vehicle to become stalled or stuck for any reason.

- i. Whenever a motor vehicle becomes stalled or stuck for any reason, the person operating such motor vehicle shall take immediate action to have the vehicle towed or pushed off the roadway onto the nearest Priority 3 street or other appropriate location.
 - ii. No person shall abandon or leave his/her vehicle in the roadway of a Priority 1 or 2 street except for the purpose of securing assistance in removal of the vehicle.
 - iii. The City of Ponca Police Officer or any Peace Officer is hereby authorized to remove or have removed a vehicle which is parked, stalled, or abandoned on any Priority 1 or 2 street where the operator cannot be promptly located or the vehicle is interfering with snow removal operations.
 - iv. The Police Officer may cause the vehicle to be removed to a private lot or other facility, and such vehicle shall not be released there from, except upon payment by the owner of the vehicle to the persons in of the lot or other facility for the cost of towing the vehicle.
8. All snow piles will be moved to four designated locations after all streets have been cleared. The designated locations are as follows:
 - i. East end of Fourth St.
 - ii. East end of Third St.
 - iii. Parking lot of Chief Standing Bear City Park
 - iv. City Mixing Plant
9. Snow that is within five feet of any fire hydrant will be moved once all city streets have been cleared.
10. The Mayor may elect to call an emergency City Council meeting to determine if assistance is needed in snow removal.