

## **CITY OF COLUMBUS**

### **ORDINANCE #785-23**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 98, ARTICLE III, SECTION 98-79 WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS**


The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin do hereby ordain as follows:

1. Section 98-79 Winter Parking Regulations is hereby amended follows:
  - (a) Declaration of snow emergency. A snow emergency is declared when a snowfall is predicted by the National Weather Service to reach a depth of two (2) inches or more during any period of 24 hours or less. A snow emergency will be considered to exist whether or not the Public Works Superintendent or designee has declared a snow emergency under this ordinance. The Public Works Superintendent, or designee, is hereby authorized to declare a snow emergency watch in advance of the conditions established in this ordinance by reason of forecasted heavy snow or blizzard, and all provisions of this ordinance are to become effective immediately upon the declaration of a snow emergency watch and shall remain in effect for a period of 48 hours or until such time as snow removal operations have been declared completed by the Public Works Superintendent or designee. This section shall apply from November 15 through April 15 inclusive.
  - (c) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street or alley in the city at any time after a snow emergency is declared and until after the snow emergency is lifted. This provision applies to all parking spaces within the corporate limits of the city, except for eight designated angle parking spots on Dickason Blvd. to accommodate Amtrak overflow parking from November 15 through April 15. Permits for overflow parking will be issued by Amtrak agent with notification of year, make and model, color and license plate identification of the vehicle to the city police and city public works department.
  - (d) For all parking lots owned by the city, beginning at midnight of November 15 of each year through midnight of April 15 of each year, alternate side parking rules shall apply in that on odd days vehicles are to be parked in odd rows and on even days vehicles are to be parked in even rows. The date after midnight shall determine if parking should be in odd or even rows. No overnight parking shall be permitted in the five (5) city owned parking stalls behind 158 S. Ludington Street. The city shall install signage in all municipal parking lots indicating odd rows and even rows and the terms and conditions of this section.

- (f) The city shall display snow emergency notification signage at all entryways to the city from November 15 thru April 15. The city shall erect signage at all municipal parking lots notifying the public of parking regulations during a snow emergency. Further, on or before November 1 of each year, the Public Works Superintendent or designee shall publish notice of winter parking regulations on the city website, other social media accounts, and other electronic media.
- (g) Pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stats., § 66.325, the Public Works Superintendent or designee is authorized to order the erection of temporary "No Parking" signs at any time during the existence of any emergency which impairs or prevents the full or safe use of any highway, street, alley or municipal parking lot.
2. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application on any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other provision herein or its application shall not be affected.
3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication.

Adopted this 5 day of December, 2023.

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By:   
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By:   
Patricia Goebel, City Clerk