

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING
SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BEND
COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH, STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 1997-1

The Township Supervisors of South Bend, Blue Earth County, Minnesota do ordain:

Section 1. Presumption. When the driver is not present and a vehicle is parked in violation of this ordinance it shall be presumed that the owner parked the vehicle, or that the driver was acting as the agent of the owner.

Section 2. Declaration of Snow Emergency. During the event of an accumulation of 2 inches or more of snow, blowing or drifting snow, freezing rain, sleet, or the occurrence of other natural phenomena, which creates or is likely to create hazardous road conditions likely to impede the free movement of vehicles or traffic, an emergency shall be deemed to exist.

- A. **Restricted Parking During Emergency.** During an emergency, no person, as driver or operator of a vehicle, or as the registered owner of such vehicle, shall park, stop or leave standing, or cause, allow, or permit to be parked, stopped or left standing, whether knowingly or unknowingly, any such vehicle upon any South Bend Township streets or roads when a snow emergency is in effect until such township road or street has been fully cleared from one edge of the traveled portion of the roadway to the other.
- B. **Exceptions.** This ordinance shall not apply to (1) persons in charge of wreckers or authorized emergency vehicles while actually servicing mechanical, fire, police or medical emergencies, or (2) any South Bend Township road or street when it has been fully and completely cleared, sanded, salted, or cleaned.

Section 3. Moving Attended Vehicle. In the event the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Department or other enforcement officer, including the street maintenance employees of South Bend Township, finds any attended vehicle parked upon any street in violation of this ordinance, such officer or employee is hereby authorized to move such vehicle or require the driver or other person having charge of such vehicle to move such vehicle to a position in compliance with the law.

Section 4. Impounding Unattended Vehicle. In the event an enforcement officer or employee finds any unattended vehicle upon any street in violation of any provision of this ordinance, such officer or employee is hereby authorized to impound such vehicle

and to provide for the removal thereof and to remove the same to a convenient garage or other facility or place of safety, with said charge for the removal being the sole responsibility of the vehicle's owner.

This Ordinance shall take affect upon its passage and publication.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1997.

ATTEST:

Steven B. Flo,
Clerk of South Bend Township

Thomas Roozen, Chairman, Board of
Supervisors, South Bend Township,
Blue Earth County, State of Minnesota