

ORDINANCE NO. 1572

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF
THE CITY'S SNOW EMERGENCY CHAPTER AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Section 1: Section 10.68.020 of the Hood River
Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"10.68.020 Definitions. The following
definitions shall apply in the interpretation and
enforcement of this chapter:

- A. "Downtown Primary Street" means that portion of Oak Street which lies between Front Street and 13th street, those portions of State Street and Cascade Street which lie between Front Street and 6th Street and those portions of Front Street, First Street, Second Street, Third Street, Fourth Street, Fifth Street and Sixth Street which lie between State Street and Cascade Street.
- B. "Heights Primary Street" means that portion of 12th Street which lies between May Street and Belmont Avenue, that portion of 13th Street which lies between Oak Street and 12th Street, that portion of May Street between 12th and 13th Street and that portion of Belmont Avenue which lies between 12th Street and 15th Street.
- C. "Snow condition" means that it is snowing within the City of Hood River or that snow has accumulated on a street after October 31 and before March 1 each year.
- D. "Snow tires" means tires mounted on drive wheels of motor vehicles which are especially designed to give effective traction on snow, mud or ice covered streets by means of extra-heavy-duty treads with special high-traction patterns, except that no tire so defined shall be construed to be a snow tire if it is damaged or worn to the extent that its performance would be substantially impaired.
- E. "Street" means any public road or highway within the City of Hood River designed and ordinarily used for vehicular travel and parking.
- F. "Tire chains" means any metal chains or cable mounted on drive wheel tires of motor vehicles which cross the tread of each such tire laterally in at least three different places.

Section 2. Section 10.68.030 of the Hood River Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"10.68.030 Parking restrictions during a snow condition.

A. If a snow condition exists the following restrictions on vehicular parking shall apply:

1. No person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked on the north side of a street unless signs prohibit parking on the south side of the street.

2. No person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked on the east side of a street unless signs prohibit parking on the west side of the street.

3. No person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked on either side of a downtown primary street between the hours of 3:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. or on either side of a heights primary street between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.

B. The parking restrictions under this section shall not apply in a street area which is clear of snow for the length of the entire block, if it is not snowing."

Section 3. Section 10.68.040 of the Hood River Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"10.68.040. Snow tires or chains required. No person operating a motor vehicle during a snow condition shall allow their vehicle to become wholly or partly stalled on a street because the drive wheels are not equipped with tire chains or snow tires."

Section 4. Section 10.68.050 of the Hood River Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"10.68.050. Chains on large vehicles. No person shall operate a motor vehicle which has a gross weight of 16,000 lbs or more on a street where snow has accumulated unless the drive wheels are equipped with tire chains."

Section 5. Section 10.63.060 of the Hood River Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"10.68.060. Impoundment authorized. Any motor vehicle which is parked in violation of

Section 10.68.030 or any stalled motor vehicle which is in violation of Section 10.68.040 or Section 10.68.050 shall be deemed a hazard to traffic using the street and shall be subject to being taken into custody and removed from its location at the owner's expense under provisions of the State Motor Vehicle Code."

Section 6. Section 10.68.070 of the Hood River Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"10.68.070. Citation. Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any provision of this chapter may be issued a traffic citation. Whenever a city police officer finds a motor vehicle without a driver left in violation of any provision of this chapter, if the vehicle is not impounded, the officer may take the license number and information identifying the owner of the vehicle, if any, and conspicuously affix to the vehicle a traffic citation. The citation shall state the date, place and nature of the charge, the time and place for the violator to appear in court, the name of the issuing officer and the license number of the vehicle, if any."

Section 7. Section 10.68.080 of the Hood River Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"10.68.080. Evidence of violation. In any prosecution regarding a vehicle parked or left in a condition in violation of any provision of this chapter, unless the operator of the vehicle has been cited, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked or left in violation of a provision of this chapter, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was at the time the registered owner of such vehicle, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the defendant was the person who parked or left the vehicle in violation of this chapter."

Section 8. Section 10.68.090 of the Hood River Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

"10.68.090. Violation-penalty. Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50.00."

Section 9. Section 10.68.100, Section 10.68.110, Section 10.68.120, Section 10.68.130, Section 10.68.140 and Section 10.68.150 of the Hood River Municipal Code are hereby repealed.

Section 10. Whereas, the City of Hood River is experiencing a severe, early winter with snow and ice conditions and it is difficult for the city to keep its streets plowed and open for traffic because of problems with parked and stalled vehicles, creating hazardous driving conditions, therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Read for the first time: Dec. 23, 1985.

Read for the second time: Jan. 13, 1986.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Hood River
this 13th day of January, 1986.

Sandra L. Perkins
City Recorder

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Hood River
this 13th day of January, 1986.

Mayor James S. Anderson