

ORDINANCE AMENDING Parking Bans in Central Falls

Introduced by Councilwoman Ann Racquier (by request)

Be it ordained that the City of Central Falls amends Chapter 36 "Traffic and Vehicles" as follows:

SECTION ONE: Division 3 "Snowstorm Emergencies," of Article VI "Stopping, Standing and Parking," of Chapter 36 "Traffic and Vehicles" is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 36-437. Implementation of emergency parking ban. Whenever the forecast by the United States Weather Bureau or any other special weather service predicts a snowstorm disturbance of severity for this area*, it shall be the duty of the public safety director and/or the chief of police to declare an emergency parking ban, for the purpose of preservation of the public safety and/or the removal of snow, ice, sleet, and/or slush, on all public streets, roadways or highways of the city.

Sec. 36-438. Parking prohibited during/after certain snowstorms. All parking is prohibited on all roadways, streets or highways of the city between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the months of November, December, January, February and March during a snowstorm whenever the snow may reach a depth of two or more inches, and whenever such parking occurs less than six hours after such snowstorm of such two-inch depth.

Sec. 36-439. Parking interfering with the removal of snow, ice and slush prohibited. No person shall park a motor vehicle, or other conveyance or other vehicle by whatsoever means propelled, so as to interfere with the orderly removal of snow, ice, slush, etc., from the roadways, streets or highways of the city.

Sec. 36-440. Removal of vehicles. The chief of police is hereby authorized and shall summarily remove, or cause to be removed, from the roadways, streets or highways of the city, as well as public places, any vehicle, by whatsoever means propelled, which is parked or located in violation of the provisions of this division, or any other traffic ordinance of the city, or whenever such vehicle shall interfere with the normal flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Sec. 36-441. Penalties. In addition to the potential removal of a vehicle pursuant to Sec. 36-440, the penalty for the first violation of this division shall be a fine of \$100.00. A second violation of this division shall be a fine of \$200.00 and a third violation shall be a fine of \$500.00. Each fine shall be appealable to the municipal court.

Secs. 36-442-36-463. Reserved.

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Introduction: July 13, 2015

First Reading/First Passage: August 12, 2015

Second Reading/Second Passage: September 14, 2015

James A. Diossa

Mayor

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