

PUBLIC NOTICE: RESIDENTS OF TOWN OF COVERT, OUTSIDE OF VILLAGE

Local Law No. 1 of 2020
Town of Covert, County of Seneca

A LOCAL LAW REGULATING PARKING OF VEHICLES ON TOWN STREETS, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS DURING WINTER MONTHS AND DURING TIMES OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY EMERGENCIES

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to regulate parking of vehicles on Town streets, roads and highways during winter months and to authorize the Town's Highway Superintendent to remove vehicles parked or abandoned on Town streets, roads and highways during public emergencies or when they constitute an obstruction to traffic.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

Section 3. Parking Restrictions

- a) During the winter months from November 15th to the succeeding March 15th, from midnight to 6:00 a.m., parking shall be prohibited on all Town streets, roads and highways.
- b) Whenever the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Covert finds that weather conditions; impending weather conditions; floods; fires or other conditions could impede vehicular traffic or are likely to create hazardous road conditions or road conditions impeding or likely to impede the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic vital to the health, safety and welfare of the community, the Town Superintendent of Highways shall be authorized to declare a "Public Highway Emergency."
- c) During a "Public Highway Emergency" all vehicles shall be prohibited from parking on all Town streets, roads or highways.

Section 4. Violations

Every person convicted of violating any provision of this Local Law shall be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00.

Section 5. Removal of Vehicles

- a) Any vehicle parked or abandoned on any Town street, road or highway, or real property owned by the Town of Covert may be removed by or at the direction of the Town Superintendent of Highways whenever:
 - i) such vehicle is parked or standing in violation of any Town, County or State law or regulation; or
 - ii) it is necessary to remove such vehicle to facilitate snow removal; road repair or to ensure the free movement of fire, health, police or other emergency vehicular traffic; or

- iii) during a “Public Highway Emergency.”
- b) All towing and storage charges incurred in the removal of vehicles pursuant to this Local Law shall be borne by the owner of such vehicle and paid prior to the release of such vehicle.

Section 6. Severability

If any section or part of this Local Law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section of this Local Law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.