Winter-Time Parking in Fort Atkinson

Sec. 94-501. - General prohibitions.

(a) No owner or operator of any vehicle shall park upon any public street or alley at any time during a snow emergency. Any time two inches or greater of snow is anticipated during any 24-hour period, a snow emergency shall go into effect. The director of public works or is/her designee may also declare a snow emergency by providing notice to the public via the newspaper and/or radio and/or cable television. All vehicles must be removed from public streets and alleys from the starting time of the snow emergency until the streets or alleys have been cleared curb-to-curb or edge-to-edge of pavement during a snow emergency. For the purpose of this subsection, a vehicle shall be defined as every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a roadway or highway. If any vehicle shall be parked in violation of this subsection, the police department shall ticket the vehicle and may order it towed from the street at the owner's risk after the vehicle has been ticketed; and the towing charge shall be paid by the owner or operator of the vehicle. The fine for violating this subsection shall be $25.00, plus towing charge for each occurrence.

(b) In addition to the provisions of subsection (a), no owner or operator shall park any vehicle in any street or alley when signs have been posted indicating that snow is being or is about to be removed from such street or alley. If any vehicle shall be parked in violation of this section, the police department shall ticket said vehicle and may order it from the street at the owner's risk after the vehicle has been ticketed, and the towing charge shall be paid by the owner or operator of said vehicle. The fine for violating this subsection shall be $25.00, plus towing charge for each occurrence.

(c) On all other streets not designated as through street in section 94-356, and those streets or portions thereof to which subsection 94-456(b) is not applicable by exemption, no person shall park or leave standing any unattended vehicle between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from December 1 to March 15, unless such vehicle is parked on the even-numbered side of the street on days bearing an even-numbered calendar date, and on the odd numbered side of the street on days bearing an odd-numbered calendar date. "Numbered side of the street" refers to the address of a given residence. For purposes of this subsection, the calendar date is to start at 12:01 a.m. If any vehicle shall be parked in violation of this subsection, the police department shall ticket the vehicle and may order it towed from the street at the owner's risk after the vehicle has been ticketed, and the towing charge shall be paid by the owner or operator of the vehicle. The fine for violating this subsection shall be $15.00, plus towing charge for each occurrence.

Sec. 94-502. - Parking in public parking lots.

(a) It is the declared policy of the department of public works to clear the public parking lots within the city by 12:00 noon on the day following the removal of snow from the adjoining streets or alleys. To allow for the snow removal in public parking lots, the following parking lot rules will be in force between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. every day between November 1 and March 31:

(1) Vehicles will park on the designated half of the lot (i.e.; east-west or north-south) that corresponds to the even or odd-numbered calendar days as indicated on the signs located in each lot. For the purposes of this subsection, the calendar date is to start at 12:01 a.m.

(2) Public parking lots 2, 5, 7, 9 and 10 will be designated to be east-side parking on the even-numbered days and the west-side parking on odd-numbered days.

(3) Public parking lots 1, 4 and 8 will be designated to be north-side parking on even-numbered days and south-side parking on odd-numbered days.

(4) In lot 3, the lot will be completely closed to vehicle parking during a snow emergency until the snow has been removed.

(b) If any vehicle shall be parked in violation of this subsection, the police department shall ticket the vehicle and may order it towed from the public parking lot at the owner's risk.

(c) The fine for violating this subsection shall be $15.00, plus towing charge for each occurrence to be paid by the owner or operator of the vehicle prior to the return of the vehicle to the owner or operator.