

TOWN OF LANSING, TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK

SNOW ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 50

History: Ordinance No. 2, adopted December 6, 1958 (Removal and Storage of Vehicles), as amended by Ordinance No. 19, adopted February 10, 1976 (amending allowed towing and storage charges).

1. **Repeal and Effective Date:** Ordinance No. 2 and Ordinance No. 19 be and are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.
2. **Purpose:** The purposes of this Ordinance are to regulate the standing and parking of vehicles upon roads and highways during snow events and at all times when plowing is necessary so as to protect the public health and welfare by preventing accidents and effectively removing snow and ice from public roadways.
3. **Definitions:** The following definitions shall apply to this Ordinance:
 - a. *Vehicle:* Each and every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be conveyed, moved, drawn, or transported upon, through, or across any Roadway, including all licensed and unlicensed vehicles, all registered or unregistered vehicles, and all devices of conveyance whether operated by human power, a motor, or otherwise.
 - b. *Snow Event:* Any snowfall that is in progress; or during and 12 hours after any snowfall that exceeds 1 inch; or any amount of freezing rain, whether as sleet, ice, or as rain that freezes upon or after contact with the ground.
 - c. *Roadway:* All, each, and every portion of the right-of-way of all, each, and every public road, route, and highway located within the Town of Lansing, including all Town roads and all County and States routes and highways, and also including but not limited to all paved, finished or driving surfaces, shoulders, ditches and culverts.
4. **Restrictions:** No standing or parking is permitted upon any Roadway during any Snow Event. No standing or parking is permitted upon any Roadway after any Snow Event until the completion of Town snow removal operations.

Any Vehicle found to be in violation of this Subsection 4 shall be subject to citation or ticketing and/or removal or immediate towing.

5. **Powers of Highway Superintendent:** The Town of Lansing Highway Superintendent shall have the power to cause or order the immediate removal of any Vehicle that (a) is in violation of Subsection 4 hereof, and/or (b) obstructs or interferes with the maintenance of any Roadway, regardless of whether such Vehicle is located in or upon the Roadway.
6. **Fines and Penalties:** For any first offense, the fine shall be \$25.00. For any second offense within 6 months of any prior conviction under this Ordinance, a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$75.00. For any third offense committed within 6 months of any prior conviction under this Ordinance, a fine of \$100.00. The fine may be waived by a Court of competent jurisdiction if the offense was unavoidable due to an emergency that prevented the owner and operator of the Vehicle from moving, removing, or towing such vehicle.
7. **Towing:** The towing or removal of any Vehicle pursuant to this Ordinance may be performed by any licensed towing agency, by the Town Highway Department, or by any company the Town of Lansing may contract with to provide Vehicle removal services. All towing and storage fees associated with the removal of such Vehicle shall be the sole responsibility of the owner(s) of any such Vehicle. The Town of Lansing shall neither be responsible nor required to (a) locate or notify any Vehicle owner or operator that any Vehicle has been removed or towed, or (b) know, keep records of, or advise any owner or operator as to the location of any such towed or removed Vehicle.