

## CHAPTER 11 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

### ARTICLE 1. RESTRICTING PARKING FOR SNOW REMOVAL

#### Section 11-1.1. SNOW REMOVAL

Public safety requires the rapid and efficient removal of snow or ice from city streets, public highways or other thoroughfares. The presence of motor vehicles or other vehicles in the street and adjacent parking areas limits the ability of snow removal crews to evacuate snow in an efficient manner.

#### Section 11-1.2. PARKING RESTRICTIONS

No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle or permit it to stand on any street in the city between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day between November 1 and March 31.

1. Exceptions. Police cars, hearses, ambulances, and fire department vehicles and vehicles responding to emergency calls are exempt from the prohibition of subsection (a) of this section. Vehicles called out for emergency repairs to electric light and power lines, telephone lines, natural gas and sewer and water systems are also exceptions.
2. Removal of Vehicles. The police department or authorized representative of the city is hereby authorized to remove such vehicle from the street or public parking lot and to store the vehicles for the owner thereof. The removal and storage charge shall be paid by the owner of such vehicle. The City of Pequot Lakes shall not be liable for any damage to the vehicles caused by the towing of the vehicle.

#### Section 11-1.3. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

A violation of any section of this Chapter shall be punishable by payment of a fine, to be set by Ordinance. The fine shall be doubled if the fine is not paid within seven days, and/or if the violator has received a parking violation within the last 30 days.

1. Owner of Vehicle Presumed Responsible for Violations. The presence of any motor vehicle on any street when standing or parked in violation of this Chapter is prima facie evidence that the registered owner or current owner of the vehicle committed or authorized the commission of the violation.
2. Impoundment of Vehicles. Any police officer may remove a vehicle from a street or public parking lot to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and constitutes an obstruction to traffic or hinders snow removal

or street improvement or maintenance operations. Such vehicle shall not be released until the fees for towing and storage are paid, in addition to any fine imposed for violation of this chapter.