

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH ANNVILLE  
LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2023**

AN ORDINANCE OF NORTH ANNVILLE TOWNSHIP ADOPTING SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE PROCEDURES AND ROUTES BY RESTRICTING THE USE OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP ROADS DURING PERIODS OF SNOW OR ICE EMERGENCY TO VEHICLES WHICH ARE PROPERLY EQUIPPED TO MINIMIZE ANY SAFETY HAZARDS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

**WHEREAS**, North Annville Township maintains Township routes within the Township;

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, the Township experiences heavy snowfall and ice accumulations which must be removed from Township routes;

**WHEREAS**, the Township believes it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents that certain routes be declared Snow Emergency Routes in order to have all vehicles and other impediments and obstructions removed from certain routes within the Township in order to facilitate the removal of snow from these routes.

**AND NOW, BE AND IT HEREBY IS ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the North Annville Township Board of Supervisors as follows:

**1. Definitions.**

A. Mud and snow tire – A tire which when compared with conventional rib type passenger car tires, has a relatively aggressive tread pattern and is designed primarily to provide additional starting, stopping, and driving traction in mud and snow. The tread shall also have ribs, lugs, blocks, or buttons, be generally discontinuous, and have the following characteristics when inflated:

(a) A substantial portion of the lug, block, or rib edges in the tread design shall be at an angle greater than 30 degrees to the tire circumferential centerline.

(b) On at least one side of the tread design, the shoulder lug shall protrude at least one half inch in a direction generally perpendicular to the direction of travel.

(c) Tires shall be permanently labeled on at least one sidewall with the words, "mud and snow" or any contraction using letters, "M" and "S", such as MS, M/S, M-S, M&S, and the like.

B. All season tire – A tire designated as such by clear imprint upon the side and featuring tread patterns and rubber compounds which make the tire(s) suitable for use in wet conditions and a wide range of hot and cold temperatures.

2. **Declaration of Snow Emergency Route.** The Township Road Master and Road Contractor shall confer upon the report of any impending and/or occurring snow and/or ice weather event as indicated by the National Weather

Service for North Annville Township regarding any snow emergency. If the Road Master and Road Contractor determine that a snow emergency is impending or occurring as they shall decide, they shall declare a snow emergency and publish said declaration on the following:

- (a) The Township website.
- (b) WLBR radio station or similar radio station broadcasting regularly in Lebanon County.
- (c) WGAL or similar television station broadcasting regularly in Lebanon County.

### **3. Snow Emergency Routes.**

(a) Upon a declaration, no motor vehicle shall be driven upon a snow emergency route when the roadway is covered with ice or snow unless the motor vehicle is equipped with at least two mud and snow tires on a driven axle or tire chains on two tires on a driven axle or an all axle driven vehicle with all season tires. No vehicle of any kind shall park upon a snow emergency route when it is covered with snow and/or ice.

Snow emergency routes shall include:

1. Clear Spring Road, from State Route 422 to State Route 934.

(b) Any person violating the provisions of this subsection shall be fined as stated below.

(c) Snow emergency routes shall be designated by appropriate signs bearing the words, "SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE" at every access point to such route.

4. **Penalties.** Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, any person who shall violate any section of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before any magistrate, alderman, or district justice, pay a minimum fine of \$500.00 and not greater than \$1,000.00 and/or be imprisoned for not more than five (5) days.

5. **Repealer.** To the extent that this Ordinance specifically contradicts any other Ordinance in the Township, that Ordinance shall be repealed by the adoption and enactment of this Ordinance. Except as specifically stated in this Ordinance, all other Ordinances of the Township shall remain in full force and effect.

6. **Severability.** If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

7. **Effectiveness.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately as permitted by law.

SO ADOPTED BY NORTH ANNVILLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN LAWFUL SESSIONS DULY NOTICED ON THE 13 DAY OF March, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH ANNVILLE**

By Adam D. Wolfe  
Township Secretary

By Randall H. Linn  
Chairman

By Clyde B. Meyer  
Vice Chairman