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The village board decided to amend the local law prohibiting overnight parking during the existing curfew period 12/1 to 4/1 each year. The village attorney is working to amend the law as follows:

A snow emergency shall automatically exist when the National Weather Service issues any of the following advisories for a forecast area that includes the Village of Wappingers Falls. Such as:

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Blizzard warning, Ice storm warming, Snow squall warning, Winter storm warming and Winter weather advisory.

When the National Weather Service has not issued an winter advisory listed in Subsection A(1) above, the Village Mayor, the Superintendent of Village Highways or their designees may declare a snow emergency for the Village of Wappingers Falls whenever road conditions become hazardous such that the free movement of fire, health, police or other vehicular traffic may become impeded by reason of snow, freezing rain, sleet or other natural causes.

Upon the declaration of a snow emergency, the Village of Wappingers Falls shall contact the media and issue public announcements about the snow emergency by any reasonable means available.

It shall not be a defense to a charge of violating snow emergency regulations that the vehicle operator or owner was unaware of any such snow emergency announcement.

Any snow emergency declared as a result of a National Weather Service advisory described above shall commence at the issuance of the weather advisory or one hour prior to the commencement of the warned time period stated in the NWS advisory and shall cease 48 hours after the expiration of the NWS advisory, unless otherwise extended or terminated by the Village Mayor, the Superintendent of Village Highways or their designees.

Any snow emergency declared by the Village Mayor, the Superintendent of Village Highways or their designees shall commence within 30 minutes of the issuance of the

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declaration, or at such time stated in the declaration, and shall cease 48 hours after the issuance of the declaration of emergency, unless terminated earlier by the Village Mayor, the Superintendent of Village Highways, or their designees.

Continuation of the emergency beyond the forty-eight-hour time period shall be conveyed to the public by the Village Mayor, the Superintendent of Village Highways or their designees through the media and the Village of Wappinger website.

No parking during snow emergencies. No vehicle shall be left standing or allowed to remain parked upon any public highway of the Village of Wappingers Falls outside of the corporate limits of the Village of Wappingers Falls during a snow emergency.

Even though the Local Law has not been formally adopted as of yet the above will suffice until adoption.

Respectfully yours,

Kevin Huber, Mayor