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By order of the Mayor, a Snow Emergency is declared for the City of Rensselaer effective from 8:00 AM on Sunday, January 25, 2026 and ending at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. Per City of Rensselaer Code §91. Parking on public streets in the City of Rensselaer for the duration of the snow emergency is restricted as follows:

- Effective on Sunday January 25 at 8:00 AM, no parking on the EVEN side of the streets for 24 hours.
- Effective on Monday January 26 at 8:00 AM, no parking on the ODD side of the streets for 24 hours.

The State of Emergency has been declared to respond effectively to a Snow Emergency pursuant to Chapter 91 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, a copy of which is attached hereto. To protect the persons and property of the residents of the City of Rensselaer, a Snow Emergency is necessary, and all provisions of Chapter 91 of the Rensselaer City Code must be followed by the Public.

The State of Emergency will remain in effect for a period of 48 hours and may be extended by the Mayor of Rensselaer until the State of Emergency no longer exists.

As Mayor of the City of Rensselaer, New York, I John DeFrancesco, have exercised the authority given to me under Chapter 91 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, to preserve public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens of this municipality.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the City of Rensselaer, New York, to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

John DeFrancesco
Mayor, City of Rensselaer

Chapter 91. Emergencies, Declaration of

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer 12-1-1993. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 147.

Towers and towing — See Ch. 160.

Abandoned vehicles — See Ch. 167.

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 169.

§ 91-1. Mayor authorized to declare snow emergency.

Whenever road conditions in the City of Rensselaer shall become hazardous or such that the free movement of fire, health, police, emergency or other vehicular traffic may become impeded by reason of snow, freezing rain, ice, other natural causes or any other emergency as may be determined by the Mayor of the City of Rensselaer, the Mayor is hereby authorized to declare the existence of an emergency.

§ 91-2. Notice to public of emergency.

The declaration of an emergency as specified above shall be conveyed to the public by radio and/or television announcements, which shall constitute notice to the general public of such an emergency.

§ 91-3. Commencement and duration.

An emergency shall commence at either 8:00 a.m. or 8:00 p.m., as may be declared by the Mayor, and such emergency shall be in existence for a forty-eight-hour period, unless continued by the Mayor as hereinafter set forth.

§ 91-4. Continuation of emergency.

Such emergency shall be continued at the discretion of the, Mayor of the City of Rensselaer, and notice of such continuation shall be conveyed to the public by radio and/or television announcements.

§ 91-5. Parking restrictions.

During a declared emergency period, the following parking restrictions shall apply:

- A. When directed by the Mayor or his designee, all vehicular parking must be on the side of the street, odd or even numbered, designated and announced by the Mayor at the time the emergency is declared or continued. After the first twenty-four-hour period, all vehicular parking shall be on the other side of the street. The Mayor may continue to regulate parking until the emergency is deemed ended.
- B. In addition to the odd/even or east and west parking restrictions, the City may restrict parking in designated areas, and the Mayor may issue any and all other temporary regulations he may deem necessary to effectuate the free movement of vehicular traffic during a declared emergency.
- C. During a declared emergency period, all ordinary parking regulations will be suspended, excepting those parking regulations relative to fire hydrants and driveways.
- D. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, under no circumstances shall a person not entitled to park in a handicapped area under normal circumstances park therein during the snow emergency.

§ 91-6. End of emergency.

After 48 hours have elapsed from the commencement of an emergency period, the emergency will be officially declared ended without any further notice to the public, unless such emergency is continued as hereinbefore specified herein.

§ 91-7. Signs.

- A. The Department of Public Works and/or any other department authorized by the Mayor or designee is hereby authorized and directed to place such signs as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.
- B. Said signs shall be in compliance with the appropriate section of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law dealing with emergency statutes.
- C. The Department of Public Works shall place permanent signs at the entrance to the City stating its snow emergency procedure.
- D. During any emergency situation contemplated by this chapter, the Department of Public Works shall place temporary signs in those areas affected.

§ 91-8. Removal of illegally parked vehicles.

The Rensselaer Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to remove and tow away or have removed and towed away by a commercial towing service any motor vehicle illegally parked in violation of this chapter and the parking regulations promulgated hereunder. Motor vehicles so towed away for illegal parking shall be stored in a safe place and shall be restored to the owner or operator thereof upon payment by said owner or operator, to the commercial towing service, of towing and storage charges placed against said motor vehicle.

§ 91-9. Penalties for offenses.

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter and the parking regulations promulgated hereunder relating to the interference with snow removal operations or failure to comply with parking regulations during a declared emergency period shall be punished by a fine of \$50.