CITY OF VERGAS MINNESOTA ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VERGAS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CHAPTER 71.04 OF THE VERGAS CITY CODE DECLARATION OF SNOW EMERGENCY; PARKING PROHIBITED.

Section 1: Purpose:

The City Council of the City of Vergas, Minnesota finds that it needs to update the declaration of snow emergency; parking prohibited.

Section 2: Adoption

NOW BE IT ORDANINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERGAS that the follow subsections of 71.04 of the Vergas City Code are hereby amended to read:

- (A) The Mayor or other designated official may declare a snow emergency in the city. The emergency shall continue in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the snow has been removed from the city's streets or until the snow emergency has been rescinded by action of the Mayor, Police Chief or other designated officer.
- (B) Notice of the declaration of a snow emergency shall be given by notifying the local news media; however, the notification shall be a service aid only and not a duty on the part of the officials.
- (C) During a declared snow emergency or enough snow has accumulated to plow, no motor vehicle shall be left parked on any street or public way in the city until the declared emergency is canceled or, if no emergency is declared, until the street is cleared on both sides of accumulated snow.
- (D) During a declared snow emergency, any city employee, who finds a motor vehicle in violation of this section shall attempt to contact the owner of the motor vehicle and require the owner to immediately move the motor vehicle so as not to be in violation of this section. If the owner does not immediately remove the motor vehicle or the owner cannot be located, the utility maintenance employees are authorized to have the motor vehicle removed at the owner's expense.

Section 3: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

Section 4: Penalty See section 92.99

Passed by the City Council of Vergas, Otter Tail County, Minnesota this 10th day of January 2023.

Julie Bruhn, Mayør

ATTEST:

Julie Lammers, City Clerk-Treasurer