

ORDINANCE NO. O2025-03

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATIONS DURING A SNOW EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a county sheriff may, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 311.07 and 311.08, declare a snow emergency and temporarily close the state roads and municipal streets within his/her jurisdiction when such action is reasonably necessary for the preservation of the public peace. Ohio Attorney General's Opinion 97-015, issued April 1, 1997, concluded that this authority includes state roads, county and township roads and municipal streets. Any person who knowingly hampers or fails to obey a lawful order of the sheriff declaring a snow emergency and temporarily closing highways, roads and/or streets within his/her jurisdiction may be subject to criminal prosecution under Ohio Revised Code Section 2917.13, "Misconduct at an emergency" or other applicable law or ordinance.

WHEREAS, Snow Emergency Classifications are as follows:

Level 1: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

Level 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorist should use extreme caution.

Level 3: All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Gallipolis, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to make the decision to close City Offices under a Level 3 snow emergency. Employees deemed essential during a Level 3 snow emergency will be credited with once personal day for each day City Offices are closed to be used at their discretion. Employees who are not deemed essential will be credited with one personal day for each day City Offices are closed to be used at that time during the Level 3 snow emergency.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: February 4, 2025

ATTEST:

Shelly Clonch
Clerk of the City Commission

Michael C. Kelly
President of the City Commission

The foregoing Ordinance is hereby approved as to form.

[Signature]
Gallipolis City Solicitor