

ORDINANCE NO. 15-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RINGTOWN, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND HAIL, REGULATING GARBAGE AND WEEDS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council of the Borough, to regulate the removal of snow, ice and hail, to prohibit the deposit of same on streets or alleyways, to require that fire hydrants remain visible and accessible, to provide penalties or violations thereof, and to regulate weeds and garbage removal, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough is vested with the authority to affect said Ordinance by virtue of its general municipal powers, and;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough, and it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED by the authority of same:

SECTION I: REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND HAIL MANDATORY

It shall be unlawful for any person, association, firm, partnership, corporation or any other entity owning, possessing or occupying any property along any dedicated or undedicated public street or alleyway within the Borough to fail to remove from the sidewalk abutting said property all snow, ice, hail or sleet within twenty-four (24) hours after the same shall have ceased to fall thereon and to keep said sidewalks free and clear of all snow, ice, hail or sleet thereafter.

SECTION II: DEPOSITING ON STREET OR ALLEY UNLAWFULLY

It shall be unlawful for any person, association, firm, partnership, corporation or any other entity owning, possessing or occupying any property along any dedicated or undedicated public street or alleyway within the Borough, in removing said snow, ice, hail or sleet as set forth in Section I hereof, to deposit same on the traveled cartway of any dedicated or undedicated public street or alleyway within the Borough.

SECTION III: FIRE HYDRANTS TO REMAIN VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE

It shall be unlawful for any person, association, firm, partnership, corporation or any other entity owning, possessing or occupying any property along any dedicated or undedicated public street or alleyway within the Borough, in removing said snow, ice, hail or sleet as set forth in Section I hereof, to deposit same in such a manner as to do any of the following:

- (a) Obscure visibility of any fire hydrant;

- (b) Obstruct or impede access to any fire hydrant.

SECTION IV:

It shall be unlawful for any person, association, firm, partnership, corporation or any other entity to permit a vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat, trailer or vehicle that in or on which a person or thing is or may be carried from one place to another, to permit same to stand unattended upon any of the following described streets dedicated to public use, once a snow emergency has been declared by the Mayor of the Borough:

NAME OF STREET	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	LOCATION
East Main Street	Center St. to 4 th St.	Both sides
East Main Street	4 th St. to Dead End	South side only
West Main Street	Center St. to end of W. Main St.	Both sides
North Center Street	Main St. to Borough Line	Both sides

Any vehicle described above remaining on said streets after snow emergency has been declared, shall be towed at the owners expense and in addition shall be subject to the penalties of Section V of this Ordinance.

SECTION V: GARBAGE AND WEED VIOLATIONS

1. **Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage.** All exterior property and premises, and the inter of every structure, shall be free from any unhealthy or unsightly accumulation of waste, trash, rubbish or garbage.
2. **Animal Maintenance and Waste/Feces Clean-Up.** People owning, harboring or keeping an animal within the Borough shall not permit any waste matter/feces from the animal to collect and remain on the property so as to cause or create an unhealthy, unsanitary, dangerous or offensive living condition.
3. **Disposal of Rubbish or Garbage/Dumping.** Improper disposal of rubbish or garbage, or dumping or disposing of rubbish or garbage on vacant, unoccupied or other property is prohibited.
4. **High Weeds, Grass or Plant Growth.** All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plan growth in excess of 6 inches (152.4 mm). All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation. Cultivated flowers, gardens, trees and shrubs shall not be included as a violation of this Part.

5. **Littering or Scattering Rubbish.** No person shall throw, dump, place, sweep or dispose of any waste, trash, garbage or rubbish upon any public sidewalk, alley, street, bridge, public passageway, public parking area or on any public property.

6. **Ownership Presumption of Waste, Trash, and/or Recyclables for Illegal Dumping and Illegal Hauling.** It shall be the responsibility of every owner and/or occupant to dispose of their waste, trash, or recyclables in a proper manner. Any business or person who is unable to show proof that they have legally disposed of any waste, trash, or recyclables will be in violation of this Part. Should any person or business use an unlicensed hauler to dispose of their waste, trash, or recyclables, said person or business shall be in violation of this Part. Upon request of the Public Officer, any owner or occupant must show proof of their appropriate trash and/or recyclable hauler. Any parts found within a municipal waste container, recycling container, garbage bag, or loose trash/waster displaying the name and/or address of a person and/or persons, that trash or waste shall be presumed to be the property of such person and/or persons. It shall be unlawful for any person, business, partnership, or entity to remove or haul waste, trash, or recyclables without the proper approval or license. Any waste, trash, or recyclables found not to be disposed of in accordance with this Part will be a violation of this Part.

7. **Placement or Littering by Private Advertising Matter.** No person shall throw, place, sweep or dispose of litter or private advertising matter upon any public sidewalk, alley, street, bridge, public passageway, public parking area or any public property. No person, group, organization or entity will hang, place or advertise on any public property in any manner. No person, group, organization or entity will hang, place or advertise on any property that they do not have any ownership rights to without the written approval of said owner.

SECTION VI: MUNICIPAL LIENS

Any matters referred to herein as being unlawful shall be declared to be nuisances and removable as such. If the cost of such removal is not promptly paid, a municipal lien shall be filed therefore or such cost otherwise collected as authorized by law.

SECTION VII: PARKING RESTRICTIONS

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or permit a vehicle to stand unattended upon any street, road, alley or highway dedicated to public use which the Borough shall have the duty to maintain during any snowfall and after three (3) or more inches of snow shall have fallen, drifted or accumulated thereon, and remains lying thereon. Said restriction shall remain until the Borough shall have had reasonable opportunity to plow or otherwise remove the snow which has accumulated.

SECTION VIII:

It shall be unlawful for any person, association, firm, partnership, corporation or any other entity owning, to violate any provision of this Ordinance, and any such person, association, firm, partnership, corporation or any other entity, so violating any provision herein, shall be issued a ticket per the example attached and upon failure to pay the fine levied thereunder, upon conviction in a summary proceeding before a District Justice, be subject to a fine of \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, \$100 for the third offense, and \$300 thereafter. For the purpose of this chapter, each day's violation of the provisions hereof shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

SECTION IX: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE

That any Ordinance or part of an Ordinance in conflict with the within Ordinance shall and is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict of same.

Adopted on May 18, 2015 by the Borough Council and the Borough of Ringtown, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session assembled upon motion by Forgatch seconded by Compton and carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

BOROUGH OF RINGTOWN
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Julian Daniel
President of Council

By:

Attest:

Angie Mays
Secretary

Approved this 18th day of May 2015.

By: [Signature]
Mayor