



BOROUGH OF TATAMY

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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ORDINANCE NO. 313-2026

(Duly Adopted 4th day of May 2026)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TATAMY, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS AND FIRE HYDRANTS; FIXING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH REMOVAL; DECLARING CERTAIN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES; DESIGNATING SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND CONSOLIDATING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES, AMENDING SAID ORDINANCES HERE WITHIN.

SECTION 1: TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Consolidated Snow Control & Emergency Ordinance."

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

(a) Cartway: Portion of the street or highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.

(b) Sidewalk: Portion of a street between the curblines and the adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians.

(c) Street or highway: The entire width between the boundary lines of a way publicly maintained when any part thereof is opened for vehicular travel.

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SECTION 3: RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS AND HYDRANTS

- **(a) Sidewalks:** Owners of buildings or lots abutting a paved sidewalk must clear a path at least 30 inches wide within 24 hours after the cessation of snow, sleet, or freezing rain.
- **(b) Abrasives:** If ice is too hard to remove without damage, sand or other abrasives must be applied within the same 24-hour period to make travel safe.
- **(c) Fire Hydrants:** Every owner of a building or lot where a fire hydrant is located shall be responsible for clearing snow and ice from around said hydrant.
 - **Requirement:** Residents must clear a path to the hydrant and a space of three (3) feet in all directions around the hydrant.
 - **Exception:** Residents who are elderly, disabled, or injured and unable to perform this task may be exempt.
 - **Process:** To qualify for an exemption, the resident must complete and file an application at the Borough Office for approval.
 - **Municipal Assistance:** For approved exempt residents, the Borough Department of Public Works or the Fire Department shall clear the hydrant.

SECTION 4: REMOVAL FROM ROOFS

Owners must remove accumulations of snow or ice on buildings or structures that are liable to fall on any sidewalk or public way within 24 hours of the storm's end.

SECTION 5: DEPOSITING SNOW RESTRICTED

No person shall deposit snow or ice on or next to a fire hydrant, sidewalk, roadway, or public transit loading area, except that the snow and ice may be mounded by the Borough of Tatamy on public cartways incident to the clearing thereof.

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SECTION 6: SNOW EMERGENCIES

To facilitate traffic and snow removal, the Borough may declare a snow emergency. Notice shall be given through radio, newspapers, borough website, social media or through other available media.

SECTION 7: SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

During a declared snow emergency, it is unlawful to park a motor vehicle on any designated snow emergency route. Based on the consolidation of previous ordinances and recent amendments, the following are designated routes:

Street Name	Segment/Description
High Street	Entire length
Broad Street	Entire length
Main Street	Entire length
Chief Tatamy Street	Entire length
Prospect Street	Entire length
Trisha Street	Entire length
Seventh Street	Entire length
Mill Race Drive	Entire length
Bushkill Street	Entire Length

> **Note: Alexis Court, Bridgette Court, Fern Court, Mill Race Court, and Shelley Street have been removed from the official list.**

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SECTION 8: PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

(a) Fines: Any person violating this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties provided in 8 Pa. C.S. § 3321, including a fine of not more than \$300.00 and/or face imprisonment not to exceed 90 days.

(b) Continuous Violations: Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

(c) Towing: Illegally parked vehicles on snow emergency routes may be removed by the Borough at the owner's expense when necessary for plowing.

Section 9: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise invalid, such a decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council of the Borough of Tatamy hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases are declared unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise invalid.

SECTION 10: REPEALER

All prior ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this document are hereby repealed, specifically including:

- **Ordinance No. 164-1994**
- **Ordinance No. 202-2003**
- **Ordinance No. 247-2010**
- **Ordinance No. 254-2011**

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SECTION 11. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective 4 May 2026.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 4th day of May, 2026, by the Council of Tatamy Borough.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF TATAMY:

Mark A. Saginario, Secretary

Robert Hayes, Council, President

Approved this 4th day of May, 2026.

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BOROUGH OF TATAMY

Mark A. Saginario, Secretary

James Pallante, Mayor

Municipal Seal

