

Boone County Snow Emergency Policy

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS 67.083, KRS 39.409 AND COUNTY ORDINANCE #1011, THE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE OR THEIR DESIGNEE MAY DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHEN CONDITIONS CAUSED BY A NATURAL OR MAN MADE OCCURRENCE WARRANT SUCH ACTIONS.

A SNOW EMERGENCY MAY BE DECLARED BY THE BOONE COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE BOONE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE AFTER CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE BOONE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, THE BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. THE BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER SHALL NOTIFY ALL MEDIA OUTLETS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURISDICTIONS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORITIES IN BOONE COUNTY OF SNOW EMERGENCIES.

SNOW EMERGENCIES SHALL BE DEFINED AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LEVELS:

LEVEL ONE: MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE CAUTION DUE TO HAZARDOUS ROAD CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM ACCUMULATIONS OF SNOW AND/OR ICE.

LEVEL TWO: ROAD CONDITIONS ARE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS DUE TO SNOW AND/OR ICE AND ESSENTIAL TRAVEL ONLY IS ADVISED.

LEVEL THREE: ROAD CONDITIONS ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND TRAVEL IS RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL TRAVEL; TRAVEL TO AND FROM WORK IF REQUIRED BY YOUR EMPLOYER; AND, TRAVEL FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES OR TO OBTAIN NECESSARY PROVISIONS. TRAVEL FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES IS CONSIDERED TO BE NON-ESSENTIAL AND VIOLATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES WHERE SNOWFALL IS 2 INCHES OR GREATER, IT IS REQUIRED THAT VEHICLES PARKED ON THE STREET BE MOVED FROM THE STREET TO ALLOW TRUCKS TO SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY TREAT AND/OR PLOW THE STREETS.

DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN THE CLEARING OF NON-COUNTY OR STATE OWNED ROADWAYS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOR MEDICAL RESPONSE OR OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUNCTIONS. THIS ASSISTANCE CAN BE DISCRETIONARY BASED ON THE SITUATION OR BY ORDER OF THE BOONE COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE.