**ORDINANCE NO. 274-16**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SNOW REMOVAL IN**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES**

 **WHEREAS,** the Township of Voorhees is a municipal entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Township seeks to regulate the removal of snow and ice within the Township; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Township seeks to amend the Township Code to include Chapter 103 “Snow Removal”; and

 **WHEREAS,** it is determined that said action is in the best interest of the taxpayers, citizens and residents of the Township of Voorhees.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Township Code of the Township of Voorhees shall hereby be amended to include Chapter 103 “Snow Removal” to read as follows:

**Section 1:**

**§ 103.01 – Responsibility of owner or tenant.**

(a) The owner or owners, occupant or occupants, or tenant or tenants in possession of any lands abutting or bordering upon the sidewalks and gutters of any street in the Township shall remove or cause to be removed all snow and/or ice therefrom, within 12 hours after the same shall cease to fall or be formed thereon.

(b) No person, firm, corporation or partnership or the owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of any premises having parking spaces reserved for handicapped drivers or any contractor employed for the removal of snow and ice shall block access to parking spaces reserved for handicapped drivers by the plowing, piling or placement of snow and ice in such reserved spaces.

**§ 103.02 – Failure to comply.**

In cases where the owner or tenant shall have failed or refused to remove said snow and/or ice within the time provided in § 103.01, the Township Administrator, or his designee, may remove or cause to be removed the same. In the event that the Township Administrator, or his designee, shall remove or cause to be removed the same, he shall certify the cost thereof to Township Committee. Upon receipt of the certificate, Township Committee shall examine the same and, if found correct, shall cause such cost to be charged against the lands abutting as aforesaid. The amount so charged shall thereupon become a lien and tax upon such lands and shall be added to and become part of the taxes next to be levied and assessed upon such lands. Said amount shall bear interest at the same rate and shall be enforced and collected by the Tax Collector in the same manner as any other taxes, all in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:65-12.

**§ 103.03 – Depositing snow or ice on streets.**

(a) No person, including the owner or occupant of any lands or premises abutting or bordering upon any street, shall place, deposit, throw or shovel any snow or ice into or upon that portion of any such street which has been cleaned, plowed or shoveled of snow or ice by the Township or by any governmental agency or authority or by any public utility having and exercising a franchise or permit to operate autobuses along any streets in the Township at any time after said street has been cleaned or plowed as aforesaid.

(b) No owner or occupant of any lands or premises abutting or bordering upon any street shall cause, allow or permit any person to do or perform any of said conduct prohibited by Subsection A of this section.

**§ 103.04 – Enforcement; violations and penalties.**

(a) The provisions of this chapter and article shall be enforced by the Voorhees Township Police Department, the Director of Public Works, the Code Enforcement Officers or the Township Administrator.

(b) Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not exceeding $1,000 or imprisoned for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both, and each and every day in which said violation exists shall constitute a separate violation.

(c) The imposition and collection of the penalty or penalties imposed by Subsection B of this section shall not bar the right of the Township to collect the costs of removal as provided in § 103.02 hereof.

**Section 2**: All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 3**: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Section 4**: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**ATTEST: TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES**

**Dee Ober, RMC, Township Clerk**  **By: Michael R. Mignogna, Mayor**

 I, Dee Ober, Clerk of the Township of Voorhees, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee at their meeting of February 22, 2016 held in the Municipal Building, 2400 Voorhees Town Center, Voorhees, New Jersey.

**Dee Ober, RMC, Township Clerk**

**INTRODUCED: FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

**ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 22, 2016**