

## **ORDINANCE # 14-209.1**

### **AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING OF VEHICLES UPON STREETS DESIGNATED AS EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES WHEN SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS ARE NECESSARY AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #14.209.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEY FALLS, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **Section 1. Findings of the Governing Body.**

The Governing Body finds that parking of vehicles on certain streets covered by a heavy accumulation of snow is a matter affecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Valley Falls for the reason that parked and stalled vehicles impede snow removal operations and cause serious traffic congestion and hazard.

#### **Section 2. Declaration of Traffic Emergency.**

Whenever snow has accumulated or there is a possibility that snow will accumulate to one (1") inch or more in depth and snow removal operations will be required this ordinance shall take effect and until such traffic emergency is terminated it shall be unlawful between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. to park a vehicle on any street designated as an emergency snow route as defined in Section 5 of this ordinance.

#### **Section 3. Termination of Traffic Emergency.**

Upon the removal of the snow from the streets the parking emergency shall be terminated.

#### **Section 4. Removal of Parked Vehicles.**

All vehicles parked on emergency snow routes must be removed with the enactment of a traffic emergency. All stranded or abandoned vehicles impeding snow removal operations or causing traffic congestion may be removed or caused to be removed by law enforcement to the nearest garage or other place of safety. The vehicle may not be recovered until the towing and storage are paid in full by the owner of the vehicle.

#### **Section 5. Emergency Snow Routes; Establishment; Signs.**

Upon the enactment of the Emergency Snow Ordinance, the streets listed in this section designated and marked with "Emergency Snow Route" signs. These signs shall be posted on the right-hand side of the driving lane at intervals not to exceed one (1) block. The emergency snow route includes the following streets: Broadway Street from Maple Street to Linn Street, Linn Street from Broadway Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Street from Broadway Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street, and Walnut Street from Broadway Street to K-16 Highway. Appropriate signs shall be installed along each of said streets designated emergency snow routes.

#### **Section 6. Penalty.**

Any operator of a vehicle who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a traffic infraction and fined an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus court costs.

**Section 7. Repeal.** This ordinance repeals ordinance #14.209 and any other ordinance in conflict thereof.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect after its publication in the City of Valley Falls official newspaper.

**Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Valley Falls, Kansas, and approved by the Mayor, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.**

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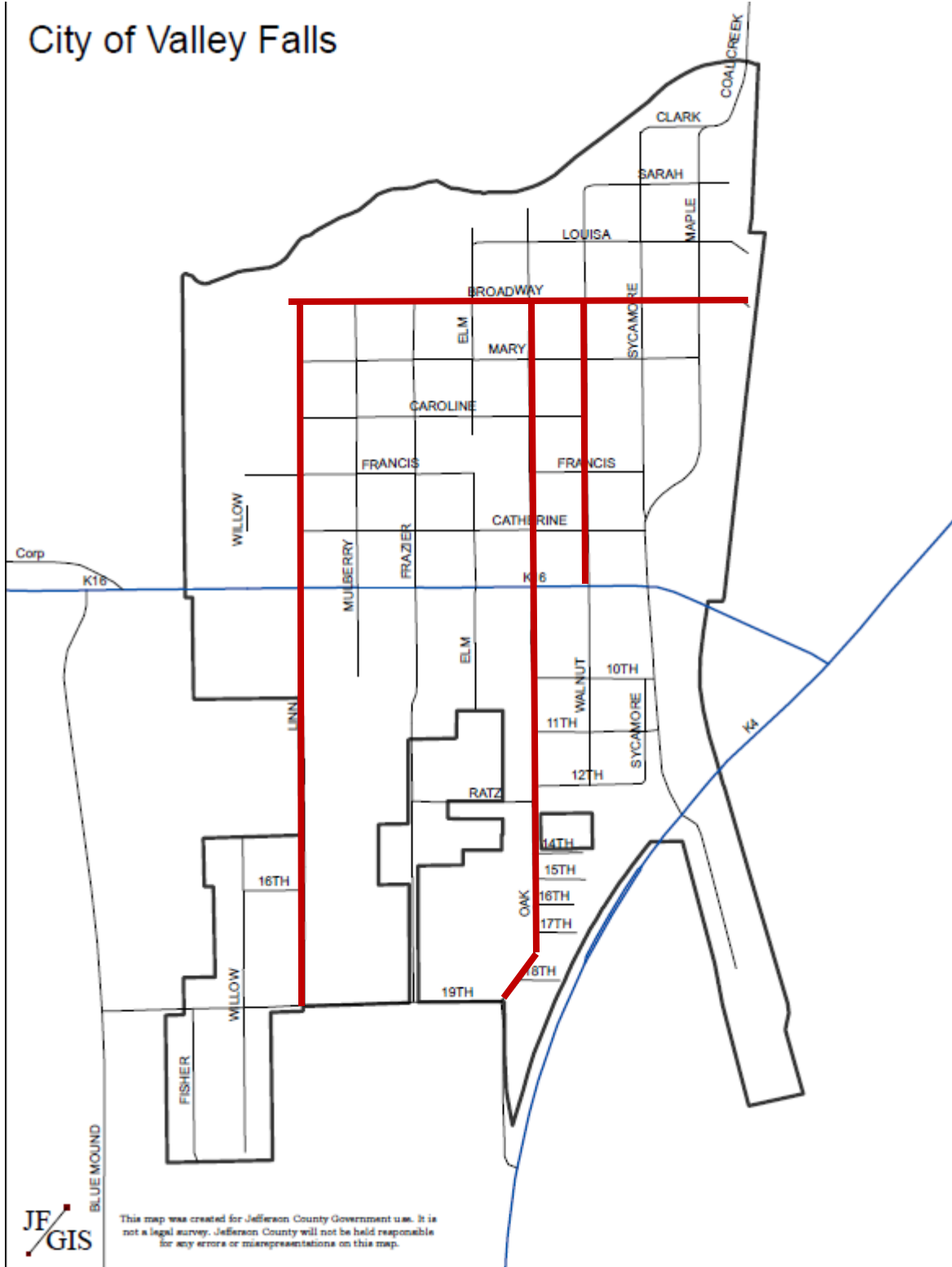
Jeanette Shipley, Mayor

Attest:

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Christine Weishaar, City Clerk

# City of Valley Falls



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