

Town of Rotterdam

Highway Department

54 Duaneburg Road, Rotterdam, New York 12306



An Open Letter to All Town Residents

The snow is starting early this year and winter is upon us. I would like to take a moment to remind all residents of the Town Code 266 Article VI which is included below this letter.

When the weather is calling for 3” of snow or more we ask that all vehicles be off the road and that trash cans be off the road as well.

We know this is a hindrance to some, however it is imperative that the roads be free of obstructions so that the plow drivers can do their jobs as safely and efficiently as possible.

The Town Code allows us to tow vehicles that are parked in the street. We do not want to tow any resident’s vehicle if it can be avoided. So again we ask that all vehicles, trash cans, and other obstructions be removed from the roads this winter season.

I have every reason to believe that if we can all work together this will be a safe and productive winter plowing season.

Sincerely,

Larry LaMora

Highway Superintendent

Chapter 266. Vehicles and Traffic

Article VI. Removal and Storage of Vehicles

§ 266-37. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

SNOW EMERGENCY

The time period during or after any three-inch snowfall and prior to the plowing of a street by or at the direction of the Highway Department of the Town of Rotterdam.

VEHICLE

Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

§ 266-38. Impounding of vehicles.

Any vehicle parked or abandoned on any highway within the Town of Rotterdam during a snow storm, flood, fire or other public emergency, or found unattended where it constitutes an obstruction to traffic, or any place where stopping, standing or parking is prohibited, may be removed by the Police Department or by the Town Highway Department.

§ 266-39. Storage and charges.

After removal of any vehicle, as provided in this article, the Police Department or the Town Highway Department, whichever authority may have effectuated said removal, may provide for the storage of such vehicle in a suitable place at the expense of the owner. Such owner or person in charge of the vehicle may redeem same upon payment of all expenses and charges actually and necessarily incurred for such removal and storage.

§ 266-40. Notice of removal.

The Highway Department shall, without delay, report the removal and the disposition of any vehicle removed by the Department as provided in this article, to the Police Department, and it shall be the duty of said Police Department to ascertain to the extent possible the owner or person in charge of any vehicle removed and stored pursuant to this article and to notify said person of the removal and disposition of such vehicle and the amount which will be required to redeem the same.