

Sec. 6-2-7

A) Removal From Sidewalks. The owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts upon or abuts any sidewalk shall keep said sidewalk clear of all snow and ice. In the event of snow accumulating on said sidewalk due to natural means and/or by any other means, said sidewalks shall be cleared of all accumulated snow and/or ice within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on said sidewalk. Sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice to a minimum of four (4) feet in width. In the event that ice has formed on any sidewalk in such a manner that it cannot be removed, the owner, occupant or person in charge of the parcel or lot which fronts upon or adjoins said sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with material to accelerate melting or prevent slipping.

B) Notice and Removal of Snow from Sidewalks. If the Street Commissioner or a City law enforcement officer determines that the failure to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk creates an immediate danger to the public health and/or safety, he shall cause the issuance of a written notice to the owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot directing that the snow and ice be removed immediately after the delivery of the notice. In the event the property owner, occupant or person in charge of said parcel or lot is unavailable to receive a written notice, the Street Commissioner or police officer shall immediately cause the removal of the snow and/or ice. The Street Commissioner or police officer shall send a written notice to the last-known address of the property owner notifying him that a hazardous condition existed which require immediate abatement.

2) **Non-Hazardous Conditions.** If the owner, occupant or person in charge of the subject parcel or lot fails to remove the snow within the time period established in Subsection (a), the Street Commissioner or police officer shall cause the issuance of a written notice to said owner, occupant or person in charge of the subject parcel or lot directing the responsible person (as defined) to remove said snow and ice no later than 12:00 Noon of the day following the issuance of said notice. The written notice shall be hand delivered or mailed to the last-known address of the owner of the subject property as identified on the records in the City Clerk-Treasurer's office.

3) **Snow and Ice Not to Encroach.** No person shall push, shove or in any way deposit snow or ice onto any public streets, alley, sidewalk or public lands dedicated to public use except for parcels or lots located where existing buildings are constructed within five (5) feet of the street right-of-way and the sidewalks exist from the City right-of-way to the curb line. In such instances, the owners, occupants and/or employees of parcels or lots shall be permitted to deposit snow and ice from their sidewalks only onto public streets. Snow from public sidewalks shall not be stored in any way which will obstruct or limit vehicular or pedestrian vision, movement or access. The deposit of any snow or ice upon any sidewalk, alley or street of the City, contrary to the provisions of this Section, is a nuisance; and in addition to the penalty provided for violation of this Section, the City may summarily remove any snow or ice so deposited and cause the cost of said removal to be charged to the owner of the property from which said snow or ice had to be removed.

C) Enforcement. The Street Commissioner, his designees and all sworn police officers are hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this Section.

D) Continued Violations. Each twenty-four (24) hour period where a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense under this Section for enforcement purposes. Repeated violations or subsequent additional accumulation of snow and/or ice shall not nullify any pending notice issued under this Section.

E) Abatement After Notice. Failure of the owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot to cause the removal of snow and/or ice within the time established under Subsection (b)(1) and (2) after receiving a written notice shall result in the Street Commissioner causing the removal of said snow and/or ice.

F) Expense. An account of the expenses incurred by the City to abate the snow and/or ice hazard shall be kept and such expenses shall be charged to and paid by the parcel or lot owner. Notice of the bill for the removal of snow and/or ice shall be mailed to the last-known address of the owner of the parcel or lot and shall be payable within ten (10) calendar days from the receipt thereof. Within sixty (60) days after such costs and expenses are incurred and remain unpaid, the City Clerk-Treasurer shall enter those charges onto the tax roll as a special tax as provided by Sec. 66.615(5), Wis. Stats.

G) Penalty. In addition to the provisions set forth in this Section, any person, firm or corporation which violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-7 of this Code of Ordinances.

State Law Reference: Sections 66.60(16) and 66.615(3)(f) and (5), Wis. Stats.