

**Former ordinance 26-8--Removal of snow& ice from sidewalks: adopted 8/12/91**

(a) In order to allow for safe pedestrian and wheelchair passage, every owner or occupant of a building or lot of land abutting upon a sidewalk or any person having charge of such property shall cause snow to be removed from the sidewalk and ice on the sidewalk to be removed, sanded or salted to allow for a passageway of at least thirty-six (36) inches in width, the passageway shall encompass the entire width of such sidewalk. Snow shall be removed and ice shall be removed, sanded or salted within twenty-four (24) hours after such snow has ceased to fall or such ice has come to be formed, provided that when such property is owned or occupied by an elderly or handicapped person, the time for compliance shall be forty-eight (48) hours. The preceding provisions shall apply to snow and ice which falls from buildings, other structures, trees or bushes, as well as to that which falls from clouds.

(b) Definitions: For the purposes of this provision, the term "sidewalk" shall mean that portion of the public way, whether the surface be concrete, asphalt, gravel or grass, set aside for pedestrian travel including handicap ramps wherever such exist. The term "elderly" shall mean sixty (60) years of age or older. The term "handicapped" shall be defined in accordance with applicable state and federal guidelines.

© Penalty: The penalty for failure to comply with this provision shall be \$25.00 for each offense. The failure to comply with this section for each incident of snow accumulation shall constitute a separate offense.

(d) Exemption: If compliance with this provision imposes undue hardship upon a person otherwise required to comply, that person may request exemption from this provision from the commissioner of public works.