

Chapter 6

Snow and Ice Removal

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Sec. 3-6-1 **Duty to Remove from Sidewalks; Encroachment.**

- (a) **Removal of Snow and Ice.** The owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot which fronts upon or abuts any sidewalk, paved trail, walking path or similar facility (hereinafter throughout this chapter referred to as “sidewalk”) shall keep such sidewalk clear of all snow and ice. If snow accumulates on the sidewalk due to natural means or by any other means, the sidewalk shall be cleared of all accumulated snow and ice within 24 hours from the time the snow ceases to accumulate on the sidewalk. Sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice to a minimum of four feet in width. If 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 the sidewalk shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with sand or salt to permit safe travel by pedestrians.
- (b) **Encroachment Into Street or Onto Sidewalks.** No person shall push, shove, or in any way deposit any snow or ice onto any public highway, road, street, public or private sidewalk, or public lands dedicated to public use, except for parcels or lots located where existing buildings are constructed within five feet of the street right-of-way and the sidewalks exist from the Town right-of-way to the curb line. In such instances, the owner, occupant or employee of the owner or occupant of the parcel or lot shall be permitted to deposit snow and ice from the sidewalk onto the public street.

[NOTE: See Section 66.0627, Wis. Stats.]

Sec. 3-6-2 Notice to Remove; Removal by Town.

If, during any September 1 through April 30 period, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel or lot that fronts upon or adjoins any sidewalk fails to keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice as set forth in Sec. 3-6-1, the Town Administrator may provide written notice to the owner directing that the snow and ice be removed no later than 12:00 p.m. of the day following the issuance of the notice, and further directing that all future accumulations of snow and ice be removed as required by section Sec. 3-6-1. Notice may be hand-delivered or mailed to the last-known address of the owner of the property. The notice shall state that the Town may, during the remainder of the September 1 through April 30 period, and without further notice, remove any snow and ice accumulations that are not removed within the time required by Sec. 3-6-1, that the cost of the snow and ice removal shall be charged to the parcel or lot owner, and that the cost of the snow and ice removal may become a charge against the parcel or lot.

Sec. 3-6-3 Enforcement

The Town Administrator is authorized and directed to enforce this Chapter.

Sec. 3-6-4 Continued Violations

Each 24-hour period where a violation of this Chapter occurs shall constitute a separate offense under this Chapter for enforcement purposes. Repeated violations or subsequent additional accumulations of snow and ice shall not nullify any pending notice issued under this Chapter.

Sec. 3-6-5 Abatement After Notice

During each September 1 through April 30 period, if a property owner has received at least one written notice pursuant to Sec. 3-6-1 and has failed to remove snow and ice within the time required by the notice, or within the time required by section Sec. 3-6-1 if the snow or ice has accumulated after the owner has received one written notice, then the Town Administrator may cause the snow and ice to be removed without further notice.

Sec. 3-6-6 Expense for Abatement

An account of the expenses incurred by the Town to abate the snow or ice hazard pursuant to this Chapter 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 or ice shall be mailed to the last-known address of the owner of the parcel or lot and shall be payable within ten calendar days from the receipt thereof. Within 60 days after such costs and expenses are incurred and remain unpaid, the Town Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer shall enter those charges onto the tax roll as a special tax as provided by Sec. 66.0627(4), Wis. Stats.

