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CHAPTER 47
(Streets)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4:60 OF CHAPTER 47 (STREETS) OF TITLE IV STREETS AND SIDEWALKS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

The City of Ann Arbor ordains:

Section 1. That Section 4.60 of Chapter 47 (Streets: Removal of Snow and Ice from sidewalks, walks and ramps) of Title IV of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be amended as follows:

4:60. - Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, walks, and ramps.

- (1) Except for sidewalks defined by section 4:51(1)(b) and (c), all snow and ice which has accumulated prior to 6:00 a.m. on a sidewalk adjacent to property not zoned residential shall be removed by the owner or occupant by noon. The owner or occupant of the property shall also remove snow and ice from walks and ramps that are at bus stops or that lead to a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Provided that when ice has so formed upon any sidewalk, walk or ramp that it cannot be removed, then the owner or occupant shall keep the same effectively sprinkled with sand, salt or other suitable substance in such manner as to prevent the ice from being dangerous, until such time as it can be removed, and then it shall be promptly removed.
- (2) Except for sidewalks defined by section 4:51(1)(b) and (c), within 24 hours after the end of each accumulation of snow greater than 1 inch, the owner or occupant of every property zoned residential shall remove the accumulation from the adjacent sidewalk and from walks and ramps that are at bus stops or that lead to a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- (3) Except for sidewalks defined by section 4:51(1)(b) and (c), within 18 hours after any ice forms, the owner or occupant of every property zoned residential shall treat the ice on the adjacent sidewalk and on walks and ramps that are at bus stops or that lead to a marked or unmarked crosswalk with sand, salt or other substance to prevent it from being slippery.
- (4) Except for sidewalks defined by section 4:51(1)(b) and (c), all snow and ice that has accumulated on a sidewalk adjacent to property zoned PL (public land) shall be removed by the owner or occupant as follows:

- (a) If the property that is zoned PL is adjacent to property not zoned residential, then the owner or occupant of the property zoned PL shall comply with the requirements of subsection (1).
 - (b) If the property that is zoned PL is adjacent to property zoned residential, then the owner or occupant of the property zoned PL shall comply with the requirements of subsection (2).
 - (c) If the property that is zoned PL is adjacent to property zoned residential and to property not zoned residential, then the owner or occupant of the property zoned PL shall comply with the requirements of subsection (1).
- (5) The requirements in this section apply to the accumulation of snow and/or ice from any source, including, but not limited to, precipitation, drifting of snow, and drainage or spilling of water onto the sidewalk, walk or ramp.
 - (6) Compliance with this section requires making sidewalks, walks, and ramps free of snow and ice for their entire constructed width and length.
 - (7) Snow and/or ice that is removed as required by this section or that is removed from private property shall not be placed on a sidewalk or street.
 - (8) "Owner," for purposes of this section and section 4:61, means the owner as shown in the records of the City Assessor.
 - (9) "Season," for purposes of this section and section 4:61, means October 1 of each year through May 31 of the following year.
 - (10) "Walk," for purposes of this section means any walkway that is paved with sidewalk material and that is contiguous with the sidewalk adjacent to the owner or occupant's property regardless of whether or not it is parallel to the right-of-way.
 - (11) An owner of the property or an occupant who fails to comply with this section shall be responsible for a civil infraction, which shall be punishable by a civil fine of not more than ~~\$100~~ \$60 for the first citation issued in a season, not more than \$250.00 for the second citation issued in a season, and not less than \$500.00 and up to \$1,000.00 for each additional or subsequent citation issued in a season, plus costs and all other remedies available by statute. The maximum fine for any offense shall not exceed \$1,000.00. If the penalty is not paid within 45 days, it may be assessed against the parcel under section 1:292 of this Code.

Section 2: This ordinance will take effect 10 days after publication.