

CHAPTER 606

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALKS

[History: Ord 2008-12]

606.01 REQUIREMENTS OF OWNER OR OCCUPANT TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM ABUTTING SIDEWALKS.

(1) When snow falls or ice accumulates upon any sidewalk which fronts on or abuts a public street within the City of Richland Center, the owner, occupant or person in charge of the lot abutting such sidewalk shall remove said snow or ice from such sidewalk, regardless of the source of the snow accumulation. The owner, occupant or person in charge of property abutting sidewalks fronting on two intersecting streets shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks fronting on both streets, including that portion of the sidewalks bordering the crosswalk and also including the curb ramp, if any, regardless of the source of the snow accumulation.

(2) If such snowfall or ice accumulates, the snow or ice shall be removed within twelve (12) hours after the end of the snowfall or rainfall.

(3) When ice has so formed upon any sidewalk that it cannot be removed, the person responsible for snow or ice removal shall spread or sprinkle salt, potassium chloride, sand or other suitable substance upon the sidewalk sufficient to keep it safe for pedestrian travel until such time as it can be removed, whereupon the ice shall be promptly removed.

606.02 AUTHORITY OF CITY TO ACT; SPECIAL CHARGE AGAINST ABUTTING PROPERTY.

(1) If the owner, occupant or person in charge of any lot or portion of a lot in the City of Richland Center fails to properly clean and remove the snow and ice from any public sidewalk abutting such lot or fails to properly spread or sprinkle the sidewalk, as required by section 606.01, the City Parks and Grounds Supervisor may cause the removal of snow and/or ice from the sidewalk and any required spreading or sprinkling to be done and shall forthwith report to the City Clerk-Treasurer in writing all costs incurred therefor. The costs thereof shall be a special charge against the property abutting the sidewalk. If the costs thereof are not paid by the landowner within 30 days after billing therefor is mailed to the landowner at the address shown by the records of the Richland County Treasurer for mailing of real estate tax bills for the property, the special charge is delinquent and becomes a lien against the property against which it is imposed as of the date of delinquency. The delinquent special charge shall be included in the current or next tax roll for collection and settlement under chap. 74, Wis. Stats.

(2) The cost of removing ice or snow from a sidewalk shall be calculated based upon the hours expended and equipment used, priced at the current Wisconsin state equipment rates for equipment used and for labor at the current City employee labor rates as set by the Common Council.

(3) The City may as a courtesy place a doorhanger on the front or apparent main door of a

structure on the premises, informing the owner or person in possession of the premises of the duty to remove snow and ice under this ordinance. However, a failure of the City to place such a doorhanger shall not relieve the owner, occupant or person in charge of the abutting lot from the requirements under sec. 606.01 and shall not prevent the City from proceeding under sec. 606.02(1) to perform the removal and collect for the costs thereof.

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