

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 05

**ORDINANCE TO ADD ARTICLE IV SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL, SUBSECTIONS 288 – 17
REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS BY OWNER/OCCUPANT, 288 – 18 NO PLACEMENT OF
SNOW AND ICE ON TOWN RIGHTS OF WAY, ROADS OR SIDEWALKS AND 288 – 19 ENFORCEMENT AND
PENALITIES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF ALGOMA, WINNEBAGO COUNTY,
WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Algoma, Winnebago County, Wisconsin is desirous add a Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal Article IV to Chapter 288 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Algoma, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ALGOMA, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN AS FOLLOWS:

That Article IV of Chapter 288 to be added and read as follows:

ARTICLE IV Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal.

§ 288 – 17 Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks by Owner/Occupant.

The removal of snow, blowing snow and ice from sidewalks shall be the duty of the property owners and/or occupants of the lot or parcel of land adjoining the sidewalk. Within 24 hours after the end of a weather event which causes snow and/or ice to accumulate on the sidewalk, the owner/occupant shall clear the full width of the sidewalk. The owner/occupant shall also be responsible for clearing blowing and/or drifting snow from the full width of the sidewalk as necessary. If ice cannot be removed, the owner/occupant shall keep the sidewalk covered with a material to accelerate melting and prevent slipping.

§ 288 – 18 No Placement of Snow and Ice on Town Rights of Way, Roads and Sidewalks.

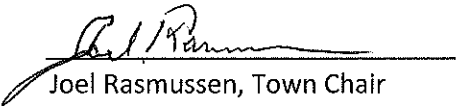
No person shall throw, plow or place any snow or ice onto any Town right-of-way, road, sidewalk or any other public place. This includes blocking, covering or interfering with the use of fire hydrants or creating a traffic hazard. No person shall cause snow piles to be created in such a manner as to impede or visually obstruct the safe flow of traffic on public road right-of-ways. If snow piles exist which are considered hazardous by Town staff, the owner and/or occupant of the adjoining parcel(s) will be asked to remove the piles immediately. The grass terrace between the sidewalk and cement curb can be used to place snow and ice.

§ 288 – 19 Enforcement and Penalties.

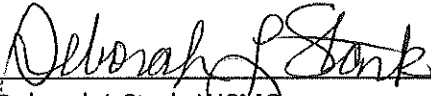
If the owner and/or occupant fails to comply with this Article the Town may take any or all of the following actions:

- (1) Remove the snow/ice from the sidewalk and charge the actual expense of removal, plus an administrative fee of 10%, to the adjoining property owner. If the property owner fails to pay the invoice by November 15th of the following year, or the current year, if charge is incurred after January 1st, the cost will be added to the property tax bill as a special charge as provided by § 66.0627, Wis. Stats.
- (2) Issue a written letter for the first offense for the non-removal of snow/ice or for depositing snow/ice in a manner that is in violation of this chapter. The forfeiture will be not less than \$25.00 or more than \$49.00 for the second offense and not less than \$50.00 or more than \$100.00 for the third offense and any subsequent offense. Each day any violation of this policy continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (3) In addition to the enforcement and penalties set forth in this Article, violations of this Article may also be considered a nuisance and may also be subject to the remedies in Chapter 243.
- (4) Any Town of Algoma official or employee is authorized to enforce this chapter.

Passed this 17th day of November, 2021


Joel Rasmussen, Town Chair

ATTEST:


Deborah L Stark, WCMC
Municipal Clerk