

City of Waukesha, Wisconsin

Ordinance No. 2021-26

**An Ordinance Creating Subsection (6) of
Section 6.12 of the Waukesha Municipal Code, Regarding
Streets and Sidewalks; and
Amending Subsection (4) of Section 21.10 of the Waukesha Fire Prevention Code,
Regarding Snow Surrounding Fire Hydrants**

The Common Council of the City of Waukesha do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 6.12 of the Waukesha Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.12 Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks, Curb Ramps, Bus Pads, and Fire Hydrants

(1) **Responsibility of owner or occupant.** The owner, occupant, or person in charge of each dwelling or building in the City fronting upon or adjoining any street, and the owner or person in charge of any unoccupied building or lot fronting as aforesaid, shall clean the sidewalk in front of or adjoining such dwelling or building, or unoccupied lot or building, as the case may be, of snow and ice to the width of such sidewalk within 12 hours after the snow has ceased to fall, and shall keep the sidewalk free of snow so as to prevent an accumulation of ice.

(2) **Cleaning by City; Assessment of Costs.**

(a) The Department of Public Works shall publish and maintain a Cost Schedule showing the cost to render the snow and ice removal services described in this section. The Department may amend the Cost Schedule from time to time to reflect any changes to the cost it incurs. The Cost Schedule shall be maintained on the City's website and published annually in the official City newspaper.

(b) If the owner, occupant or person in charge of removal of snow as herein provided fails to so remove snow, at the time designated herein, the City may, through its employees and officials of the Department of Public Works, and at its option, cause the snow and ice to be removed from any sidewalk within the City and the cost of such removal as shown on the Cost Schedule shall be charged to each lot or parcel of land as a special charge against real property by the City Treasurer and included in the current or next tax roll for collection and settlement

under chapter 74 of the Wisconsin Statutes. In addition, the Director of Public Works shall designate a person from that Department to be authorized by the Common Council to issue citations under §25.08 of this Municipal Code. Such person shall also be responsible for the snow removal program under this section.

(c) If the weather conditions cause ice to accumulate on such sidewalk and it cannot with due diligence be removed, the owner, occupant, or person in charge shall keep the same sprinkled with salt or sand and shall remove accumulated ice to the width of the sidewalk as soon as weather conditions permit.

(d) For the first offense no citation shall be issued and no forfeiture imposed. A warning citation shall be issued and the cost for the removal of snow shall be charged as provided in par. (b). For the second offense, to compensate for inspectional and administrative costs, a fee of \$25 may be charged for an inspection to determine compliance with this section, except that no fee shall be charged for the inspection when compliance is recorded. A fee of \$50 may be charged for third and subsequent offenses. Inspection fees shall be charged against the real estate upon which the inspections were made, shall be a lien upon the real estate and shall be assessed and collected as a special charge. The first violation occurring after September 1 of the current year and before June 30 of the year following the current year shall constitute a "first offense" under this section.

(3) Owner's responsibility regarding discharge of water. Every person owning any buildings in the City situated as described in sub. (1) shall cause the pipes conducting the water from the eaves of the building to be constructed as not to spread the water over the sidewalk, and shall prevent discharge from sump pumps from accumulating on the sidewalk.

(4) Curb Ramps. In addition to the other requirements imposed in this section, the owner, occupant or person in charge of each building, dwelling or unoccupied lot is required to remove snow upon any portion of a sidewalk which leads to the street and intersects with the curb at an intersection, corner, or crosswalk. If such snow is not removed within the time designated for removal in sub. (1) of this section, the City may clear the snow in accordance with sub. (2)(b) of this section and assess the applicable charge in the Cost Schedule for removal.

(5) Bus Pads. The owner, occupant, or person in charge of each building, dwelling, or unoccupied lot shall remove snow upon any Bus Pad connected to the sidewalk. If such snow is not removed within the time designated for removal in sub. (1) of this section, the City may clear the snow in accordance with sub. (2)(b) of this section and assess the applicable charge in the Cost Schedule for removal. For purposes of this section, "Bus Pads" are portions of the sidewalk extending to the curb that are customarily 5 feet by 5 feet in size but may be larger, which provide standing room for pedestrians waiting at a designated Waukesha Metro Bus Stop. "Bus Pads" do not include Waukesha Metro Bus Stops containing a shelter or otherwise providing pedestrians a place to sit while waiting for the bus to arrive.

(6) **Snow surrounding fire hydrants.** The owner, occupant, or person in charge of each building, dwelling, or unoccupied lot fronting upon or adjoining a fire hydrant shall clear the snow surrounding the fire hydrant to allow full access from the street. If such snow is not removed within the time designated for snow removal in sub. (1) of this section, the City may clear the snow in accordance with sub. (2)(b) of this section and assess the applicable charge in the Cost Schedule for removal.

Section 2. Subsection 21.10(4) of the Waukesha Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

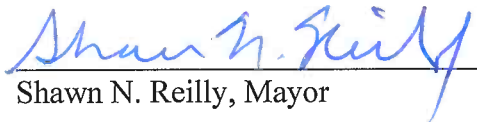
21.10 Fire Hydrants

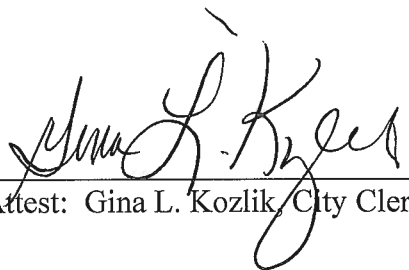
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(4) All hydrants shall be accessible for fire department use. No public or private hydrant shall have any obstruction within five feet. Public and private hydrants shall be cleared of snow as required under section 6.12(6) of this Municipal Code.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect the day after publication.

Passed the 21st day of December, 2021.


Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor


Attest: Gina L. Kozlik, City Clerk