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STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS AND GUTTERS Sec. 10.28 10 - 27 Rev. 3/15/08 10.28 SNOW AND ICE TO BE REMOVED FROM SIDEWALKS.

(1) The owner of each lot or part of lot shall remove all snow and ice upon the sidewalk abutting the premises which he or she owns not later than 12:00 noon of the day after the snow or ice has accumulated on the sidewalk, regardless of the source of accumulation. The owner of property abutting sidewalks on two intersecting streets shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks of both streets, including that portion of the sidewalks bordering the crosswalk, including the curb ramp, if any, regardless of the source of the source of the snow accumulation.

Provided that when ice has so formed upon any sidewalk that it cannot be removed, then the owner 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. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50) for a first offense and not less than thirty dollars (\$30) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for any subsequent offense. Each day any violation of this ordinance continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Am. by Ord. 11,218, 3-31-95; Ord. 13,760, Adopted 12-14-04; ORD-07-00185, 12-20-07)

(2) The Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development shall cause all sidewalks which shall not have been cleared of snow and ice as above described, to be cleared upon default of the person whose duty it shall be to clear the same. An accurate account of the expenses incurred shall be kept and reported to the City Comptroller, who shall annually prepare a statement of the expense so incurred in front of each lot or parcel of land and report the same to the City Clerk, and the amount therein charged to each lot or parcel of land shall be by said Clerk entered in the tax roll as a special tax against said lot or parcel of land, and the same shall be collected in all respects like other taxes upon real estate. Prosecution under Subsection (1) of this ordinance shall not bar the City from proceeding under Subsection (2) of this ordinance, nor shall proceeding under Subsection (2) bar prosecution under Subsection (1). (Am. by Ord. 8262, 2-20- 84; ORD-07-00185, 12-20-07)

(3) Actions for violations of Sec. 10.28(1) shall be commenced by citation as provided by Sec. 66.0113 of the Wisconsin Statutes or summons and complaint or warrant as provided by Sec. 66.0114(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. (Am. by Ord. 6370, 10-10-78; ORD-07-00185, 12-20-07)