Snow and Ice Removal Ordinances

Sec. 26-8.
Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks in certain districts. Every owner or occupant of a building or lot of land abutting upon a sidewalk which is within a business, mixed use or manufacturing district, as defined by chapter 30, and every owner or occupant of a building or lot of land situated in any other district and which is used for a commercial or institutional purpose or contains more than four residential dwelling units, whether or not such uses are nonconforming uses under the provisions of such chapter, which building or lot of land abuts upon a sidewalk, shall cause any snow to be removed from the sidewalk and any ice on the sidewalk to be removed, sanded or salted within twelve (12) hours after such snow has ceased to fall or such ice has come to be formed. The preceding provision shall apply to snow and ice on accessible curb ramps in the sidewalk, and shall apply to snow and ice which falls from buildings, other structures, trees or bushes as well as to that which falls from clouds.

Sec. 26-8A.
City snow clearing—Clearing of sidewalks used as school routes. The commissioner of public works shall clear snow from certain city sidewalks including portions of both school pedestrian routes and specific arterial and collector roadways, subject to appropriation and the availability of city personnel and equipment. The commissioner, after consultation with the superintendent of schools, chief of police and other appropriate city personnel, shall determine the total number of miles of city sidewalks to be cleared for the purposes of this ordinance based on the availability of personnel, vehicles and funding. Each year during the month of November, the commissioner shall publish a list of said sidewalk snow clearing routes. Said list shall include the street names and, where appropriate, the names of intersecting streets up to which the sidewalks will be cleared. The commissioner shall send a copy of said list to the chief of police and the superintendent of schools.

Sec. 26-8C.
Same—Snow clearance standards. The commissioner of public works shall endeavor to minimize the blocking of sidewalks and intersections with plowed snow so as not to hinder pedestrian passage. The commissioner shall remove plowed snow from sidewalks and intersections that block pedestrian access, to the extent that such removal is feasible, as determined by the commissioner, and subject to appropriation.

Sec. 26-8D.
Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks. In order to allow for safe pedestrian and wheelchair passage, every owner or occupant of a building or lot of land abutting upon a paved sidewalk or any person having charge of such property shall use reasonable efforts to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk and handicap access ramps, and shall use reasonable efforts to treat said sidewalk and ramps to allow for a safe passageway of approximately thirty-six (36) inches in
width, provided that where such sidewalk is less than thirty-six (36) inches in width the
passageway shall encompass its entire width and handicap access ramps. Snow and ice shall be
removed, and sidewalks and ramps shall be treated, within twenty-four (24) hours after such
snow has ceased to fall or such ice has formed. This section shall apply to snow and ice which
falls from buildings, other structures, trees or bushes, as well as to that which falls from clouds.
The Commissioner of Public Works may extend the 24- hour compliance timeframe when
weather conditions necessitate. This section shall not apply to owners or occupants of a
building or lot covered by Section 26-8. The mayor or his designee is authorized to coordinate
volunteer snow clearing assistance or to grant an exemption, renewable annually, for citizens
who upon written petition demonstrate hardship due to a combination of health and financial
duress, or religious circumstances.