

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
ORDINANCE NO. 812-25**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SECTION 86-229 OF THE CITY CODE OF
ORDINANCES CONCERNING
REMOVAL OF SNOW AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS**

The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Sec. 86-229, Blocking of fire hydrants prohibited; Snow removal, is created to now read as follows:

Sec. 86-229. - Blocking of fire hydrants prohibited; Snow removal.

- (a) Except where marked with official traffic markings, no person shall park any motor vehicle within 10 feet of any fire hydrant or connection, or otherwise interfere with the accessibility of any fire hydrant by piling, dumping or placing any snow or obstructive material or object within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, nor between them and the centerline of the street, without first obtaining written permission from the Fire Chief. Every calendar day during which such interference continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) Snow Removal.
 - (1) All property owners that have fire hydrants located on their property, or adjacent road right-of-way, shall removal all snow and ice from a three-feet radius around each fire hydrant. The three-foot radius shall be cleared within a 24-hour period from the last snowfall.
 - (2) Any property which is found to be non-compliant shall have, at the option of the City, such snow and ice removed and a charge of not less than \$50.00 per hydrant billed to them. Any outstanding bill amount and accrued interest shall be placed on the tax roll as a charge against the property pursuant to §66.0627 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
 - (3) If a property owner is unable to perform the snow removal responsibilities, it shall be their responsibility to hire or enlist the help of others to ensure the hydrant is clear from snow and ice obstruction.
 - (4) In instances where a fire hydrant is located on a lot line, it shall be responsibility of the property owner to the north or to the east to ensure that the hydrant is free from snow and ice pursuant to the terms of this Section.

2. **Severability.** Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word, and provision of this Section is severable, and if any such provision shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision(s) shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance nor any part thereof other than that affected by such decision.
3. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and posting as required by law.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: _____
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By: _____
Susan L. Caine, Clerk