

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 203, 2025, Amending Section 20-102 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins for the Purpose of Adjusting Snow and Ice Removal Requirements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, adopted on First Reading on December 2, 2025, by a vote of 5-1 (Nay: Ohlson), updates the requirements for snow removal from sidewalks within the City to allow for up to two inches of snow accumulation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

FIRST READING BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

While reviewing options to respond to staffing reductions as well as providing sustainable level of service adjustments, Section 20-102 regarding snow removal was identified as an area for modification. Currently, any accumulation of snow is required to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours. In many cases, weather conditions typically resolve these issues within 48 hours.

Additionally, many Homeowners' Associations (HOAs) and multi-family developments utilize contractors for snow removal from sidewalks and private roadways. Often these contracts have provisions that indicate snow of two inches or greater is necessary for the contractors to respond. This has caused challenges between these organizations and the City in ensuring compliance of this section of the City Code with snowfalls less than two inches.

The Ordinance will still require removal of any level of ice accumulation in the sidewalk area within the 24 hour time frame.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Staff anticipates a reduction in the number of properties that receive snow abatement, which will reduce overall contractor costs and case management responsibilities.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

First Reading attachments available in December 2, 2025, agenda materials at the following link:
<https://fortcollins-co.municodemeetings.com/>.

1. Ordinance No. 203, 2025