

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Lori F. Schwarz, Planning and Development Services Director
John Hernandez, Senior Code Compliance Supervisor

SUBJECT

Council Action Postponing Indefinitely 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

The purpose of this item is to postpone indefinitely an Ordinance regarding snow and ice removal requirements presented to Council on First Reading on December 2, 2025. On Second Reading on December 16, 2025, the item was continued to February 17, 2026.

An affirmative vote on this item will indefinitely postpone the proposed Ordinance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends action by Council determining whether the proposed Ordinance regarding snow and ice removal requirements should be postpone indefinitely.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

At the December 2, 2025, City Council meeting, an Ordinance updating Section 20-102: Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks required; was adopted 6-1 at First Reading. The Ordinance modified abatement actions for snow at 2-inches of accumulation or any ice accumulation. At Second Reading, on December 16, 2025, Council heard statements from the members of the Disability Advisory Board in opposition to the Ordinance change. They further requested staff meet with their board, as well as the Transportation Board and Senior Advisory Board. Council postponed Second Reading of the Ordinance to February 17, 2026, in order to allow these meetings. PDT Deputy Director/Planning and Development Services (PDS) Director, Lori Schwarz, met with the Disability Advisory Board on January 26, 2026, to discuss their concerns regarding the snow removal ordinance change. The Transportation Board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026. However, the Senior Advisory Board does not have agenda availability until late Fall 2026. After reviewing the concerns of the Disability Advisory Board, PDS staff has determined that modifications to internal policies regarding enforcement of snow and ice removal may address level of service adjustments while still preserving the ability to abate hazardous conditions at any snow or ice accumulation. This approach enables staff to continue refining their practices and policies while preserving enforcement discretion. These practices will include issuance of citations after courtesy notice as well as progressive fines for repeat offenses. Due to the low snowfall this season, there has only been one substantive storm to begin the change in enforcement protocol. Staff anticipates further refinement of the snow and ice removal compliance policy with future storms.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 203, 2025