

**Sec. 62-2. - Ice and snow on public sidewalks.**

- (a) *Declared a nuisance.* All snow and ice remaining upon public sidewalks is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated by the owner or tenant of the abutting private property within 12 hours after such snow and ice has ceased to be deposited.
- (b) *City to remove.* The city may cause to be removed from all public sidewalks, beginning 24 hours after snow or ice has ceased to fall, all snow and ice which may be discovered thereon, and it shall keep a record of the cost of such removal and the private property adjacent to which such accumulations were found and removed.
- (c) *Cost of removal to be assessed.* The city administrator shall, upon direction of the council, and on receipt of the information provided for in subsection (b) of this section, extend the cost of such removal of snow or ice as a special assessment against the lots or parcels of ground abutting on walks which were cleared, and such special assessments shall, at the time of certifying taxes to the county auditor, be certified for collection as other special assessments are certified and collected.
- (d) *Civil suit for cost of removal.* The city administrator shall, in the alternative, upon direction of the council, bring suit in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover from the persons owning land adjacent to which sidewalks were cleared, as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the cost of such clearing and the cost and disbursements of a civil action therefor.
- (e) *City administrator to report sidewalks cleared.* The city administrator shall present to the council at its first meeting after snow or ice has been cleared from the sidewalks, as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the report of the city thereon, and shall request the council to determine by resolution the manner of collection to be used as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section.
- (f) *Placing snow or ice in public street, walks or on other city property.* It is a misdemeanor for any person, not acting under a specific contract with the city, to remove snow from private property or alleys and place the snow on a public street or walks in such quantity, or in such manner, as to cause a hazard to travel, without adequate arrangements for the immediate removal of the snow. It is also a misdemeanor for any person not acting under a contract with the city to dump snow on other city property.

(Code 1976, § 7.04)

**State law reference**— Special assessments for snow and ice removal, Minn. Stat. § 429.101.