
Sec. 14-5. ~~Disposition of snow, ice, etc.~~ Removal of snow and ice.

- ~~(a) — It shall be the duty of the occupant of any house and lot which abuts upon a paved sidewalk or a footway of stone, brick or wood to have all snow removed from such sidewalk or footway within six (6) hours after the same shall have ceased falling, unless such snow shall have fallen during the night or on a Sunday, in which case it shall be removed by 12:00 noon of the day following. The same requirements shall exist with respect to ice or sleet on sidewalks or footways; except, that ice or sleet, when it cannot be removed without injury to the sidewalk or footway, shall be covered, within the period of time as above specified, with sand, ashes or some other substance which will render it safe for travel on foot. Whenever any house or lot is unoccupied, it shall be the duty of the owner, or of the agent of the owner, to have the snow or ice removed from his sidewalk or footway in the same manner as set forth above for occupants of properties. Each violation of this subsection shall be a class 4 misdemeanor, and every six (6) hours that such snow or ice is allowed to remain in violation of this subsection shall constitute a separate offense.~~
- ~~(b) — It shall be unlawful for any person removing ice or snow from his premises to place or deposit such ice or snow upon any street or sidewalk.~~
- (a) **Removal Required.** Every occupant, owner or other person in charge of any occupied property in the Town which has a sidewalk or a footway of stone, brick, gravel, cinder, wood or other substance, when such sidewalk or footway is publicly owned or maintained, and is adjoining and touching the property in front, rear or either side thereof, shall have all snow and ice, and any combination thereof, removed from such sidewalk or footway within twenty-four (24) hours after such snow or ice ceases falling, or within forty-eight (48) hours after it has ceased falling for accumulations of more than six inches. When there is no occupant of such property, it shall be the duty of the owner thereof to have snow, ice, and sleet removed or covered as provided in this section.
- (b) **When Removal Not Required.** The requirements of subsection (a) hereof shall not apply when such snow or ice, or a combination thereof, cannot be removed without injury to the sidewalk or footway. In such an event, however, such sidewalk or footway shall be covered within the applicable period of time as specified in subsection (a) hereof with sand, salt, or some other substance that will render it safe for travel.
- (c) **Exceptions.** This section shall not apply to the following:
- (1) **Age and/or Disability.** When the occupant, owner or other person in charge of a property is prevented from fulfilling the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) hereof because of physical or mental disability or is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, and said occupant, owner or other person in charge has made reasonable efforts to undertake alternative means for fulfilling said requirements.
- (2) **Government Closure.** In the event that snow or ice, or a combination thereof, causes the closure of the Town of Warrenton Government, the occupant, owner, or other person in charge of a property shall have an additional twenty-four (24) hours to fulfill the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) hereof.
- (d) **Enforcement.** The Department of Public Works, and/or other such Department as may be designated by the Town Manager, shall be responsible for the enforcement of this section. If after such reasonable notice as the town may prescribe the owner, occupant, or other person in charge of a property affected by the provisions of this section shall fail to abate or obviate the condition, the Department of Public Works or their authorized agent may do so and charge and collect the cost thereof from the owner or occupant of the property affected in any manner provided by law for the collection of Commonwealth or local taxes. § 15.2-1115

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- (e) Modifications and/or Extensions. The Town Manager, Director of Public Works, or Emergency Management Coordinator may further modify or extend the time periods for compliance as part of a declaration of local emergency, based on the total amount of accumulation of snow and ice, the projected temperatures in the town, and any other relevant weather conditions.
- (f) Disposition of Snow, Ice, Etc. It shall be unlawful for any occupant, owner, or other person in charge of a property to remove or cause to be removed ice, snow, or slush from their premises and for it to be placed or deposited onto or across a public street, roadway, or sidewalk in a manner that obstructs a motor vehicle or pedestrian.
- (1) Penalty. Whoever violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a \$100.00 civil penalty if such violation is not immediately corrected upon notice of any law enforcement officer or properly identified employee of the Town of Warrenton. § 15.2-2025.

(Code 1981, § 14-12)