

November 12th, 2025
Town Council
Regular Meeting
Res. No.

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF TO PREPARE AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE § 14-5 REGARDING SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL
FROM SIDEWALKS**

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Fern demonstrated that the 1981 sidewalk clearing ordinance is outdated and unrealistic for extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council intends to shift from criminal penalties to a civil-based compliance strategy that prioritizes accessibility and equity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warrenton Town Council hereby directs the Town Manager and Staff to:

- **Draft Ordinance Update:** Present an amendment incorporating tiered deadlines (24hrs <6" / 48hrs > 6"), civil "Self-Help" abatement, managerial flexibility during emergencies, and exemptions for seniors (65+) and residents with disabilities.
- **Legal Review:** Review the draft with the Town Attorney to ensure full compliance with the Code of Virginia § 15.2-1115 and § 15.2-2025.
- **Legislative Calendar:** Add the Snow and Ice Ordinance Update to the **March Public Safety Committee Meeting** and the **Town Council Work Session** agenda for final policy review.
- **Public Engagement:** Schedule a **Public Hearing** for the March Town Council Meeting to receive community input on the proposed updates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

ATTACHMENT: None

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Town Manager

Town Emergency Coordinator

Director of Public Works

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder