

Sec. 40-8. - Snow, ice and debris removal.

(a) *Snow and ice on sidewalks.*

- (1) The owner, agent, occupant or person in charge of each and every building fronting upon or adjoining any street, and the owner or agent of every unoccupied building or parcel of land fronting as aforesaid, shall clean the sidewalk in front of or adjoining such building or unoccupied lot or building, as the case may be, of snow and ice to the full width of such sidewalk to the pavement, except those sidewalks where the distance from the edge of the sidewalk, including the width the sidewalk, to the back of the curb is less than eight feet; then the minimum width shall be 48 inches, within 24 hours after it ceases to fall, and cause the same to be kept free from snow and ice; provided, that when ice has so formed on any sidewalk that it cannot be removed, the persons herein referred to shall keep the same sprinkled with ashes, sand or salt; provided, also, that in case snow shall continue to fall for some time, then and in that case it shall be removed immediately after it shall cease to fall.
- (2) The owner, agent, occupant or person in charge of a corner lot or crosswalk shall also keep free from snow and ice any and all curb ramps extending past the curb and gutter to the edge of the street pavement. A corner lot is defined as a lot abutting upon two or more streets. The owner, agent, occupant or person in charge of the property adjacent to a public alley shall keep free from snow and ice that portion of the sidewalk which crosses the alley to its centerline.

(b) *Board of Public Works to remove.* In any case where any sidewalk in front of or adjoining any lot or parcel of land shall remain covered in any part with snow or ice by 6:00 p.m. of the day following any snowfall, the Board of Public Works may as soon as possible cause such snow or ice to be removed from the full width of such sidewalk and to report the expense of so doing to the Council as soon as practicable, with a description of the lot or parcel of land in front of or adjoining which such work has been done, and the Council shall cause such expense to be audited and paid out of the general fund and shall direct the City Clerk to charge such expense to the lot or parcel of land adjoining which the same shall have been incurred, and the amount of such expense shall be inserted in the tax list next thereafter to be made out as a special tax against such lot or parcel of land and shall be collected as other taxes upon real estate are collected. The cost for removal by the City shall be charged at the rate per foot per snowfall event for any snowfall or accumulation for snowfalls, including windblowing and trace amounts established by resolution. Said snowfall or accumulation of snowfalls shall be determined by using the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (National Weather Service). In addition, there shall be an administrative fee per parcel in the amount established by resolution. Any appeal of a special tax under this subsection shall be delegated to the Board of Public Works, which is authorized to review and adjust the same.

(c) *Debris removal from sidewalks, streets and public ground.* No abutting property owner shall upon any sidewalk, street, alley or public ground so maintain the owner's land or any building situated thereon so that, by erosion or by travel, parts of the soil or any other substance shall be deposited upon the abutting sidewalk, street, alley or any public ground and if such deposit by erosion or otherwise shall take place, the sidewalk, street, alley or public ground shall be cleaned and made passable by such abutting owner within 24 hours after receiving notice thereof from the City Engineer's Office.

(d) *Disposal of snow in streets.* No person shall use the public streets or any other public property as a place for disposal of snow from private property. Pushing, dumping, blowing, throwing or otherwise transferring snow from private property to a public street is prohibited. Provisions of this subsection shall not apply to snow removal under the direction of Public Works by City Employees or contractors performing work under contract with the City of La Crosse.

(e) Except as otherwise prohibited by law, all-terrain vehicles and other snow removing equipment are allowed to clear snow and ice on sidewalks. Said vehicles and equipment shall not have implements to assist with the removal of snow longer than six feet in width, shall have rubber tires and shall be restricted to 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, except said snow removal vehicles in the downtown area are restricted to 1,000 pounds gross vehicle weight unless authorized by the Director of Public Works. Said vehicles shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times.

(Code 1980, § 5.08)