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TO: **PROPERTY OWNER**
FROM: **CITY OF LA CROSSE**

SUBJECT: SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALKS

Enclosed you will find an invoice for charges incurred for the removal of snow from public sidewalks adjacent to your property. The snow that fell between **12-26-21**, **and** **1-6-22** was removed **1-8-22**. Also enclosed are pictures detailing the cleanup effort.

Sidewalks are used by many City residents and visitors. Ice and snow left on sidewalks present a significant hazard, especially to elderly and disabled citizens. For the safety of our citizens and visitors, the City has an Ordinance that requires **snow and ice to be removed from the sidewalk and curb ramps within twenty-four (24) hours after it ceases to fall**.

Per City Ordinance Section 40-8 - Snow, Ice, and Debris Removal:

- Sidewalks shall be cleared to the full width.
- If packed snow cannot be removed; it should be treated as ice and sprinkled with ashes, sand or salt until such time that it can be removed.
- Curb ramps at corner lots or cross walks should be kept free from snow and ice extending past the curb and gutter to the street pavement
- That portion of the sidewalk that crosses an alley should be kept clear to the alley centerline by adjacent property owner/occupants

Your failure to comply with this ordinance has resulted in the City's clearing of the sidewalk at a cost billed to you at a rate of $2.50 per linear foot plus a $75.00 administration fee. Failure to pay this bill will result in this fee being placed as a lien against your property. Please include one copy of the invoice with payment.

It will likely snow again this winter. Arrangements should be made for the owner, the resident or, their agent to clear snow and ice from the public sidewalks adjacent to this property. **Failure to clear future events will result in additional costs to the owner.**

Electronic files of the pictures enclosed are available by request. reinhartd@cityoflacrosse.org