

City of Waukesha, Wisconsin

Ordinance No. 2026 – _____

**An Ordinance Amending Section 6.12 of the Waukesha Municipal Code,
Regarding Snow and Ice Removal, Discharge of Water onto Sidewalks**

The Common Council of the City of Waukesha do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 6.12 of the Waukesha Municipal Code is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**6.12 Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks, Curb Ramps, Bus Pads, and Fire Hydrants;
Discharge of Water onto Sidewalks**

- (1) Responsibility of Owner or Occupant.** The owner, occupant, or person in charge of each parcel of real property in the City fronting upon or adjoining any public right-of-way shall clean the sidewalk within such right-of-way of snow and ice to the full width of such sidewalk, and shall remove snow within a radius of 4 feet of any fire hydrant in such right-of-way so as to allow full access from the street, within 24 hours after the snowfall has ceased, and shall keep the sidewalk free of any accumulation of ice. "Sidewalk," as used in this section, includes curb ramps and bus stop pads, but not bus stops having a shelter or recreational trails.
- (2) Penalty.** Any person violating subsection (1) shall be subject to forfeiture as provided in Municipal Code §25.05. If inspection after a citation has been issued reveals that the violation continues 24 hours after the original citation, the penalty amount for subsequent citations shall be increased by \$50.
- (3) Cleaning by City; Assessment of Costs.**
 - (a)** The Department of Public Works shall publish and maintain a Cost Schedule showing the cost of snow and ice removal described in this section. The Department may amend the Cost Schedule from time to time to reflect current costs. The Cost Schedule shall be maintained on the City's website and published annually in the official City newspaper.
 - (b)** If snow and ice are not cleaned from sidewalks as required by this section, the City may have the snow and ice removed and invoice the cost of such removal to the owner of the parcel. If payment of the invoice is delinquent the amount

will be charged as a special charge as a special charge against the parcel pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0627.

- (c) Costs under this subsection shall be in addition to any penalty imposed under subsection (2).

- (4) **Discharge of Water onto Sidewalks.** The owner of a property shall not allow pipes carrying water from building gutters or sump pumps to be located so that water flowing from them flows onto a public sidewalk.

Subsection (1) amended by Ord. 12-80

Subsection (3) amended by Ord. 12-80

Subsection (3)(a) amended by Ords. 21-08, 26-99, 18-10

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective the day after its publication.

Passed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Alicia Halvensleben, Mayor

Attest: Katie Panella, City Clerk

Publication date:_____