

City of Chicago's policy on clear sidewalks

4-4-310 Public ways–Maintenance–Littering prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person licensed to engage in any business or occupation on premises abutting a public way, or for any person using any part of a public way for or in connection with his business or occupation, to litter or to permit the accumulation of any paper, rubbish or refuse upon that portion of the public way abutting said premises or on and about that portion of the public way so used. It shall also be the duty of the licensee to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of his premises. (Coun. J. 12-9-92, p. 25465)

4-4-320 Public Ways- Maintenance- Liability

Any Licensee, individually or in cooperation with other persons or community groups, who removes snow or ice from the public sidewalk or street, shall not as a result of his acts or omissions in such removal, be libel for civil damages. This section shall not apply to acts or omissions amounting to willful or wanton misconduct in such snow or ice removal.

4-4-340. Violation- Penalty

Any person violating any of the provision of this chapter, where no other penalty is specifically provided, shall be fined not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense. Every day such violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

10-8-180 Snow and ice removal

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of ground in the city abutting upon any public way or public place shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of such building or lot of ground.

If the sidewalk is of greater width than five feet, it shall not be necessary for such person to remove snow and ice from the same for a space wider than five feet.

In case the snow and ice on the sidewalk shall be frozen so hard that it cannot be removed without injury to the pavement, the person having charge of any building or lot of ground as aforesaid shall, within the time specified, cause the sidewalk abutting on the said premises to be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or some similar suitable material, and shall, as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit, thoroughly clean said sidewalk.

The snow which falls or accumulates during the day (excepting Sundays) before four p.m. shall be removed within three hours after the same has fallen or accumulated. The snow which falls or accumulates on Sunday or after four p.m. and during the night on other days shall be removed before ten a.m. (Prior code § 36-19)

10-8-190 Liability for civil damages

Any person, who removes snow or ice from the public sidewalk or street, shall not, as a result of his acts or omissions in such removal, be liable for civil damages. This section does not apply to acts or omissions amounting to willful or wanton misconduct in such snow or ice removal. (Prior code § 36-20)

Article VI Violation of Chapter Provisions

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, where no other penalty is specifically provided, shall be fined not more than \$50.00.

Find out more about clearing sidewalks in your community at www.activetrans.org/shovel.

