

ORDINANCE #24-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS §94.03 TO READ: REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, DEBRIS AND VEGETATION FROM SIDEWALKS.

(A) The owner, occupant, or person in charge of each and every building, lot, or parcel of land fronting or abutted upon a sidewalk shall clear the sidewalk in front of or abutting upon such property of snow, ice, debris, or vegetation to the entire width of the sidewalk. Vegetation is defined as unwanted grasses or noxious weeds (identified in Wis. Stats. Section 66.96). Examples of noxious weeds include but are not limited to poison Ivy, sow thistle, burdock, ragweed, sandbur, and bull thistle.

(B) When ice is so formed on any sidewalk that cannot be removed, then the person shall keep the same sprinkled with salt, calcium chloride, or other acceptable de-icing materials until removal is possible.

When vegetation growth cannot be done by hand, then the person may use chemical applications to remove the growth. The City Foreman shall have a list of acceptable, safe compounds to use on sidewalks on file at City Hall or posted on the City's Website.

(C) Snow shall be removed by 12:00 noon of the day following any snowfall.

(D) Any accumulation of ice on any portion of the sidewalk shall be removed or treated by such persons as soon as possible, but in no case later than 12:00 noon of the day following the initial occurrence of the accumulation. Accumulations of ice from any cause without limitations, including but not limited to snow melt, run off, freezing rain, or packed snow shall be covered by this chapter.

Vegetation shall be removed from the sidewalk before reaching a height of one inch to reduce the chance of becoming a tripping hazard for pedestrians.

(E) No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice, debris or vegetation, or removed from the person's premises or elsewhere upon any sidewalk, alley, public place, or street in the City, except snow placed on a street or alley prior to the city crew's removal of the snow from the street or alley. At no time shall any person place snow, ice, debris, or vegetation, in a manner so as to impede traffic or create a hazard.

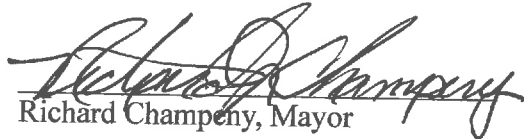
(F) If snow and ice, debris, or vegetation, is not removed or treated as required under this sections, the city may, at its option, remove or treat the snow or ice, debris or vegetation with the cost of the removal being assessed against the property. The cost will be at a minimum charge of \$50 for each 50 foot section of sidewalk or portion thereof. The City may charge the property owner such additional sums as may be actually expended to remove or treat the snow and ice, debris, or vegetation, based on the cost of labor and materials to the city. The City Clerk shall mail a

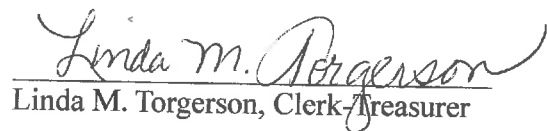
voucher for the amount due, and if the voucher is not paid within 30 days, the Clerk shall cause the bill to be placed on the next real estate taxes of the property owner under Wis. Stats. §66.09 (5), including subsequent amendments.

Duly adopted by the Common Council of the City of Alma on July 11, 2024 with a vote of 6 yes and 0 no.

This ordinance shall be effective on its publication date.

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