

CHAPTER 2016-3

**No. 60 AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 23,
"STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES," SECTION
23-13, "REMOVAL OF SNOW-REQUIRED"**

Approved February 11, 2016

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places," Section 13, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 23-13. Removal of snow and ice-Required.

(a) All owners or persons having care of any property bordering any street, highway or public place within the city, shall, within the first eight (8) hours of daylight after the end of any snowfall, or the fall or deposit of snow or ice on the sidewalk of said property, from any cause whatsoever:

(1) Remove or cause to be removed all snow or ice from a path not less than three (3) feet in width the length of the sidewalk of the entire border in or on said street, highway, or public place, including from any pedestrian access ramps cut into street curbs bordering said property and, for corner lots, from the portion(s) of the sidewalk extending past the property to and including the street curb, and provide for the treatment of any snow or ice remaining on any shoveled sidewalk, with sand, salt or other suitable material;

(2) Remove or cause to be removed all snow or ice from around any fire hydrant on the sidewalk bordering said property; and

(3) Remove or cause to be removed all snow or ice from the opening of any catch basin bordering the sidewalk of said property.

(b) Any person found guilty of violating this section shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), for each calendar day upon which such snow or ice is not removed or treated as herein provided. The police department and/or an inspector or supervisor of the public works department shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. Failure to pay the fine within thirty (30) days will result in the creation of a special lien against the property, which lien shall be removed only upon payment of the fine in addition to an administrative penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The imposition of such fine and/or administrative penalty may be appealed to municipal court within ten (10) days of the issuance of a written citation for the violation.

Upon the issuance of a violation by the police or public works department, the department of public works may, in its discretion, remove or cause such snow or ice to be removed or treated. The owner shall reimburse the city for the expenses incurred for such removal or treatment, in addition to any fine or administrative penalty imposed hereunder. The city may also impose a municipal charges lien on the property.

(c) The city shall devise a policy to inform property owners of their responsibilities under section 23-13, and to inform the public of the importance of clearing sidewalks for pedestrian access, and safe travel for pedestrians, especially children walking to school, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. The city also shall make every effort to create and/or support programs to provide assistance to elderly property owners, and property owners with disabilities in meeting the requirements of section 23-13.


SECTION 2. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places," Section 16, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

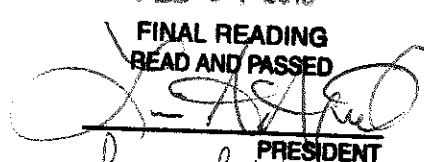

SECTION 3. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places," Section 17, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 23-17 - Removal of snow and ice on sidewalks adjoining city property.


- (a) Sidewalks adjoining property belonging to or occupied by the city shall be cleared of snow under the direction of the department, committee or officer of the city having by ordinance or statute the care, custody or use of such property. Whenever the sidewalk or any part thereof adjoining any property belonging to or occupied by the city shall be encumbered with ice, the department, committee or officer of the city having by ordinance or statute the care, custody or use of such property, shall cause such sidewalk to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice therefrom or by covering the same with sand, salt or some other suitable substance. For corner lots, this requirement will include the portion(s) of the sidewalk extending past the building or lot to and including the street curb.
- (b) The expense of any such work shall be paid from the appropriation for the support of such department. In case any such department, committee or officer has no janitors or employees available to do said work, the superintendent of public buildings may, upon request of such department, committee or officer, cause said work to be done, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for such department, committee or officer.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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FIRST READING
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 CLERK

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FINAL READING
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 PRESIDENT
 CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 2/11/16