Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks

Excerpt from City of Fort Atkinson Code of Ordinances

Sec. 90-118. - Snow and ice to be removed from sidewalks.

(a)The owner of each lot or part of lot shall be responsible for removing all snow and ice which may have fallen or accumulated upon the full width of the sidewalk in front of the premises which he/she owns not later than 24 hours after the snowfall has ceased to fall or accumulate. Provided that when ice has so formed upon any sidewalk that it cannot be removed, the owner shall be responsible for effectively keeping the same sprinkled with sand, salt or other suitable substance in such manner as to prevent the ice from being dangerous, until such time as it can be removed, and then it shall be promptly removed. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to section 1-10.

(b)The department of public works shall cause all sidewalks that have not been cleared of snow and ice to be cleared upon default of the person whose duty it shall be to clear the same. The department of public works shall keep an accurate account of the expenses thereof and report the same to the finance director, who shall annually prepare a statement of the expenses so incurred in front of each lot or parcel of land; and the amount therein charged to each lot or parcel of land shall be entered by the finance director in the tax roll as a special tax against the lot or parcel of land, and the same shall be collected in all respects like other taxes upon real estate. Prosecution under subsection (a) of this section shall not bar the city from proceeding under this subsection, nor shall proceeding under this subsection bar prosecution under subsection (a) of this section.

(c)Actions for violations of subsection (a) of this section shall be commenced by citation as provided by Wis. Stats. § 66.119 of summons and complaint or warrant as provided by Wis. Stats. § 66.12(1)(a).