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Way

### ORDINANCE

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 4-4-130 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through, and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

#### **4-4-310 Public ways - Maintenance - Littering prohibited - Snow and ice removal.**

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(c) (1) It shall be the duty of each licensee licensed under Title 4 to remove snow and ice, as provided in this section, from the sidewalk abutting the licensed premises and any sidewalk ramps intersecting such sidewalks, creating a clear path of at least five feet in width.

2) Snow which falls or accumulates between the hours of seven a.m., and seven p.m. shall be removed as soon as practicable, but no later than ten p.m. of the same day. Snow which falls or accumulates overnight between the hours of seven p.m. and seven a.m. shall be removed as soon as practicable, but no later than ten a.m. of the same day.

3) If snow on the sidewalk is frozen so hard that it cannot be removed without damage to the pavement, the licensee shall, within the time specified for removing the snow, strew, or cause to be strewn, the sidewalk with sand, abrasive material or other products made for the purpose of mitigating slipping hazards and preventing the accumulation of ice, and shall, as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit, thoroughly clean the sidewalk.

4) Any licensee, whether 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 liable for civil damages. Provided, however, that this subsection (c)(4) shall not apply to any person who violates Section 8-4-120 of this Code, or to acts or omissions amounting to willful-w4tful or wanton misconduct in removing such snow or ice.

5) No licensee with a surface parking lot may shovel, plow, or otherwise place any snow or ice removed from such surface parking lot onto the public way. Licensees with a surface parking lot shall store any snow or ice upon the licensee's property in a manner and in a location that does not impede or restrict the public way in any fashion. If a licensee with a surface parking lot is unable to store snow and ice in accordance with this subsection (c)(5), such licensee shall contract for private snow and ice removal.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

SECTION 2. Section 10-8-180 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

#### **10-8-180 Snow and ice removal.**

(a) Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person in charge of any building or lot of ground in the city abutting upon any public way or public place shall be responsible for the following as pertains to such building or lot of ground:

1) Remove any snow and ice from any sidewalk abutting such building or lot of ground, and any sidewalk ramps intersecting such sidewalks, creating a clear path of at least 5 feet in width.

2) Snow which falls or accumulates between the hours of seven a.m. and seven p.m. shall be removed as soon as practicable, but no later than ten p.m. of the same day. Snow which falls or accumulates overnight between the hours of seven p.m. and seven a.m. shall be removed as soon as practicable, but no later than ten a.m. of the same day.

3) If snow on the sidewalk is frozen so hard that it cannot be removed without damage to the pavement, the person in charge of any building or lot of ground shall, within the time specified for removing the snow, strew, or cause to be strewn, the sidewalk abutting the building or lot of ground with sand, abrasive material or other products made for the purpose of mitigating slipping hazards and preventing the accumulation of ice, and shall, as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit, thoroughly clean the sidewalk.

4) No owner of a multiple dwelling unit building or a townhouse development with a surface parking lot may shovel, plow, or otherwise place any snow or ice removed from such surface parking lot onto the public way. Owners of townhouse developments and owners of multiple dwelling unit buildings with surface parking lots shall store any snow or ice in a manner and in a location that does not impede or restrict the public way in any fashion. If an owner of a multiple dwelling unit building or a townhouse development with a surface parking lot is unable to store snow and ice in accordance with this subsection (a)(4), such owner shall contract for private snow and ice removal.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

GEORGE A. CARDENAS Alderman, 12th Ward

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after passage and publication.