

ARTICLE III Snow and Ice Removal (§ 249-15 — § 249-19)

[Adopted 4-8-1987 by Ord. No. 87-2]

§ 249-15 Time limit for removal.

[Amended 12-18-1996 by Ord. No. 96-14]

The owner of every property abutting any of the ordained streets of the Borough of Downingtown is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from sidewalks abutting such property all snow and ice thereon, fallen or formed thereon, within 48 hours after the end of the snowfall or formation of ice.

§ 249-16 Manner of removal.**A.**

In residential districts, the aforesaid removal shall take place on 1/2 of the sidewalk farthest from the street, and said snow or ice shall be placed on the lawn of said property. No snow or ice shall be deposited on the streets of the Borough.

B.

In commercial districts where there is no front yard or lawn, the aforesaid removal of snow and/or ice shall take place on 1/2 of the sidewalk farthest from the curb, and said snow and/or ice shall be placed on that half of the sidewalk nearest the street. No snow or ice shall be deposited on the streets of the Borough.

C.

In clearing snow from around vehicles parked on a Borough street or alley or from driveways entering onto a Borough street or alley, the snow must be deposited on that half of the sidewalk nearest the street or on the front yard or lawn. It is not permissible to deposit this snow on any Borough street or alley.

§ 249-17 Responsibilities of owners and occupants.

[Amended 12-18-1996 by Ord. No. 96-14]

The owner of a property shall be responsible for conforming to the requirements of this article.

§ 249-18 Failure to comply; removal by Borough; collection of expenses.

[Amended 12-18-1996 by Ord. No. 96-14]

In any case where the owner, as aforesaid, shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of §§ 249-15 through 249-17 of this article within the time limit prescribed therein, the Borough authorities may proceed immediately to clear all snow and/or ice from the sidewalk of such property and collect the expenses therefor and any additional amount allowed by law from such owner as the case may be, which may be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed under § 249-19 of this article.

§ 249-19 Violations and penalties.

[Amended 10-10-1990 by Ord. No. 90-16; 12-18-1996 by Ord. No. 96-14]

A.

A police officer or his or her designate shall issue a notice of violation, and the owner will be ordered to pay a fine of \$30 payable to the Borough of Downingtown. If the notice of violation is paid within seven days from the date of violation, the notice of violation will be reduced to \$20.

B.

Failure to respond to the violation of notice by payment of the fine as aforesaid, which payment must be made within seven days of issuance of such notice, shall result in an issuance of a citation to the owner and, upon conviction for the offense, the owner shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$30, together with the costs of prosecution, not to exceed \$200 for each violation and/or to be incarcerated in the county prison for not more than 30 days for each violation. Such fine and costs may be in addition to any expenses and additional amounts authorized by law, imposed as provided in § 249-18 of this article.