



SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

City Ordinance 136 deals with the construction and maintenance of all sidewalks in Hiawatha. This section of the code describes who is responsible for maintaining sidewalks, the standards for maintenance and the process for assuring the sidewalks are maintained.

A property owner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk adjacent to their property (Sect. 136.04). This responsibility includes the removal of snow and ice and the maintenance of the sidewalk itself.

Currently the Community Development Department receives the complaints concerning unsafe sidewalks; 319-393-1515. Our department verifies the complaint and sends notice to property owners regarding unsafe sidewalks requesting them to be corrected.

For snow and ice accumulation, the City allows the owner **24 hours** following a snow or ice event to clear the sidewalk. If not completed, the City has authority to clear the sidewalk at the expense of the property owner.

Preventive maintenance eliminates the need for additional city involvement through our complaint process. More importantly, it keeps our city safe. We encourage all property owners to maintain safe sidewalks as part of being a good neighbor in Hiawatha.