

ORDINANCE NO. 14-17

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Section 262-19 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 262-19. Removal of Snow on Sidewalks; Fine.

- (A) The owner, agent of the owner, or occupant of premises bordering on any street or public place within the town where there is an established sidewalk shall cause to be removed therefrom any and all snow, ice, sleet, debris or any other obstruction within 24 hours after a weather-related event has ended. Any formation of ice upon a sidewalk shall be removed immediately, except that, when weather conditions are such as to make the removal of ice from a sidewalk impracticable, the sidewalk shall be made safe and convenient for travel by covering the ice with sand, salt, or other suitable substance that will provide adequate traction.
- (B) Whenever any owner, agent of the owner, or occupant of premises, as herein defined, whose duty it is to remove snow and ice or to otherwise make sidewalks safe for public travel, shall fail, refuse, or neglect to comply with the same or shall otherwise fail to comply with the requirements of subsection (A), then said person or entity shall be issued a \$75 fine for the first violation.
- (C) The fine will increase by \$25 for each storm thereafter if sidewalks are not properly cleared as described above. Said fine shall never exceed \$250 for any storm, although each storm that results in sidewalks not being cleared will be considered a separate violation and subject to a separate fine.
- (D) Any fines not promptly paid will be referred to the City's Collection firm.
- (E) In addition to fines, the City may cause such snow, ice, sleet, debris or other obstruction to be removed from the sidewalk and make the cost of such removal a lien on the property abutting the obstructed sidewalk.

Submitted by: Councilwoman Mary Bartolotta

Approved by: General Counsel Commission at its meeting held on August 10, 2017

Status: APPROVED
by **Common Council, City of Middletown**
at its meeting held on: **September 5, 2017**

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