

Radford City Code

Sec. 90-5. - Removal of snow, sleet, and ice from sidewalks.

- a. It shall be the duty of the owner of any property, improved or unimproved, that adjoins any sidewalk within the city to remove all snow, sleet, and ice from such sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours after the snow, sleet, or ice has ceased falling. In the event the property is leased or otherwise occupied, then the tenant or occupant of the property shall be required to comply with the requirements of this section.
- b. If the snow, sleet, or ice is not removed as required above, then the city manager or his designee may notify the owner, tenant, or occupant of the property that that the city will remove the snow, sleet, or ice at the owner's, tenant's, or occupant's expense if the sidewalk is not cleared within twenty-four (24) hours after being given notice of a violation of this section. Notice of a violation of this section may be given to the owner, tenant, or occupant of the property by:
 - i. first-class mail
 - ii. hand-delivery
 - iii. by posting a copy of the notice on the property
- c. If the snow, sleet, or ice is not removed from the sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours after notice is given to the owner, tenant, or occupant, then the city may clear the sidewalk and charge and collect the costs from the owner, tenant, or occupant of the property. The city may use city staff or hire independent contractors to clear the sidewalk. Costs for removal of snow, sleet, and ice, including an administrative fee as set by general resolution of City Council, may be charged to the owner, tenant, or occupant and collected in any manner provided by law for the collection of local taxes and shall constitute a lien against any property where the violation is found to exist. Decisions to clear snow, sleet, or ice from sidewalks as provided by this section shall be based on established pedestrian travel priorities developed by the city manager's office.
- d. A violation of this section shall constitute a class 4 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 1-7 of the City Code. Each day a violation of this section continues to exist shall be considered a separate offense. This general penalty shall be available in addition to the City's authority to compel correction of the violation as otherwise provided in this section.