

SNOW

Why hasn't the City plowed my street?

Let's face it, nobody likes to drive on slippery, snow-covered streets! So why hasn't the snow been removed? While the Street Department strives to maintain a safe driving condition on the streets, the City does not have a 'bare roads' policy. In other words, we do not strive to remove **ALL** snow from the streets, but attempt to maintain safe driving conditions.

What determines the order streets are plowed? We are required to open Federal and State funded roads first, along with access to Emergency Services facilities (Police, Fire, Ambulance). Generally these are the main thoroughfares. After that, we determine which areas of the city are in most need of attention. According to city policy, 4" or more snow in a storm triggers a city-wide plowing effort.

What can I do with all this white stuff?

Sidewalks must be cleaned within 72 hours after the snow stops falling. Ice melt or sand must be spread on any icy patches within the same time period.

Penalty: 1st offense – Fine not exceeding \$500.00

2nd offense – Charged with Class B misdemeanor

Authority: Dickinson Municipal Code Section 33.04.290 and 11.12.010

Section 33.04.290 Maintenance of sidewalks-- Removal of snow and ice

(a) It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of each lot in the city to remove from the sidewalk in front of or along such lot any ice or snow which forms, accumulates or obstructs such sidewalk within seventy-two hours after the ice forms or the snow ceases to fall thereon; provided, that where the ice accumulated is of such character as to make removal thereof impossible, the sprinkling of ashes, salt or sand thereon within the time specified for removal in such manner as to make such sidewalk safe for the travel of pedestrians thereon shall be deemed a compliance with the provisions of this section.

(b) In case the owner of any lot in the city refuses or neglects to remove from such sidewalk in front of or along any lot the ice or snow, within seventy-two hours after the ice forms or the snow ceases to fall thereon, such ice or snow may be removed by or under the direction of the street commissioner of the city. The street commissioner may remove or direct the removal of such ice or snow upon complaint received, wherein the complainant shall furnish his or her name, address and telephone number. The necessary expense of such ice or snow removal shall be chargeable against the abutting lot or property by billing and special assessment, if not paid in the manner prescribed by law.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, any violation of this section shall be an infraction, punishable by the general penalty provided in section 11.12.010. (Code 1958, § 28-29; Ord. No. 753, § 1; Ord. No. 921, § 1.)

For state law as to snow and ice removal by city and assessment of costs against owner of abutting property, see NDCC, §§ 40-05-01 (13), 40-29-18, 40-29-19.

Residential guidelines:

Snow may be piled on your yard or boulevard, or in the parking lane of the street if there is no other place to put it. ***It is illegal to put your snow in the driving lane of any street or alley!***

Commercial guidelines:

No snow from the business property may be deposited on the street or alley, with the exception of snow from a sidewalk that is bordered by the building on one side, and the street on the other. ***Only the snow from these sidewalks may be placed in the parking lane of the street. It is illegal to put your snow in the driving lane of any street or alley!***

Penalty: Fine not exceeding \$500.00, imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both.

Authority: Dickinson Municipal Code Section 33.04.310

Section 33.04.310 Depositing snow or ice onto streets, etc.

(a) Generally. It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to throw, move, dump, deposit or permit to be deposited or scattered any snow or ice accumulated on private property, sidewalks or public passageway onto driving lanes of any street or alley, except as otherwise permitted by this section.

(b) Residential Exceptions. Snow or ice may be deposited on the boulevard or area between the edge of the curb or paved surface of a street or alley and the sidewalk. Snow or ice may also be deposited, in the event there is no boulevard or the boulevard area is filled, along the curb and gutter in the parking lane of the street or alley.

(c) Commercial Buildings. In order to facilitate safe and adequate parking for customers and other business related activities, any person operating or conducting a business in any commercial building within the city shall be prohibited from depositing snow or ice from the premises along the curb and gutter in the parking lane of the street or alley.

(d) Commercial Exceptions. Subsection (c) of this section shall not apply to the sidewalk portions of the commercial building premises.

(e) Penalty. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both such fine and imprisonment, for each such offense. (Ord. No. 970, § 1.)