



**BOROUGH OF BOGOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1653**

**PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION**

**DATE: 03-05-26**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE  
BOGOTA CODE, ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS"**

**Increase Snow Removal Penalty around Fire Hydrants**

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President L. Kohles		✓	✓				
Councilmember C. Carpenter			✓				
Councilmember W. Hordern			✓				
Councilmember P. McHale			✓				
Councilmember J. Mitchell	✓		✓				
Councilmember D. Vergara							✓

**COMMENTS:** *NONE*

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President L. Kohles			✓				
Councilmember C. Carpenter	✓		✓				
Councilmember W. Hordern			✓				
Councilmember P. McHale		✓	✓				
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Councilmember D. Vergara							✓

**ADOPTION:**

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 3 of the Bogota Code sets forth the police regulations for the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-5.1 sets forth the regulations for removing snow and ice throughout the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-5.1(g) of Chapter 3 requires the owners of property abutting a fire hydrant to clear the fire hydrant of snow within 24 hours of snow coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-5.1(g) further provides that failure to clear the snow around a fire hydrant within that time period may result in a penalty not to exceed Seventy Five (\$75.00) Dollars; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer has recommended that the aforementioned penalty be increased to One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars to encourage compliance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have accepted the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer, and wish to increase the penalty in Section 3-5.1(g) to One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, that Section 3-5.1 of Chapter 3 of the Bogota Code is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

**SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3-5.1, ENTITLED "REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE REQUIRED".**

Sub-part "g" of Section 3-5.1, entitled "Removal of Snow and Ice Required" is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

- g. The owner of any real property abutting any fire hydrant shall clear such fire hydrant of snow, within 24 hours of snow coverage. If the owner fails to perform the required clearance within the specified time, the



Borough may perform the clearance and bill the owner in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 3-5.4 below, in an amount not to exceed \$150. All penalties collected in connection with this subsection shall be dedicated for use by the Bogota Fire Department, and shall be maintained by the Chief Financial Officer or Comptroller of the Borough of Bogota in an account dedicated for such purpose.

**SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 3: INCONSISTENCY.**

Any and all ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

**SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

**CERTIFICATION**

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ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor

I, Melissa Baque, Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Borough of Bogota at a meeting held on 03-05-26.