

ORDINANCE #2166-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II (SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL) OF CHAPTER 359 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) TO UPDATE CERTAIN PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY FIRE HYDRANT CLEANUP DURING SNOW EVENTS

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to amend the municipal code of the Borough of Middlesex to update certain provisions related to snow removal and cleanup; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middlesex in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey that Article II (Snow and Ice Removal) of Chapter 359 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the municipal code shall be amended as follows:

Section I:

Section 359-10 is hereby retitled “Time limit for removal of snow or covering of ice” and shall be replaced in its entirety with the following text (all text novel):

- A. The owner or occupant of lands abutting or bordering upon sidewalks, public streets or public places in the Borough is hereby required to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting said property within 24 hours after the snow ceases.
- B. In the case of ice which may be so frozen as to make removal impractical, the owner or occupant of lands abutting or bordering upon sidewalks, public streets or public places in the Borough is hereby required to thoroughly cover such ice on the sidewalks abutting said property with sand, salt or cinders within 24 hours after the same shall fall or be formed thereon.
- C. Owners of corner properties are additionally required to remove snow and ice so as to provide pedestrian, stroller and wheelchair access from their sidewalk to the streets forming the corner.
- D. The owner, tenant or occupant of any lands abutting upon the public streets of the Borough are additionally required to remove all snow and ice from abutting sidewalks and which is on or around fire hydrants, and the owner or tenant or occupant of property containing handicapped parking spaces shall remove all snow and ice from the handicapped parking spaces within 24 hours after the inclement weather has ended.

Section II:

Section 359-11 is hereby retitled “Depositing on Borough streets prohibited” and shall be replaced in its entirety with the following text (all text novel):

No person shall throw, place or deposit any snow or ice into or upon any street in the Borough, it being the intent and purpose of this provision to prohibit all persons from throwing, casting, placing or depositing snow and ice, which accumulated within the private property belonging to such person or occupied by such person, upon the sidewalks, streets, storm drains and/or fire hydrants of and within the Borough.

Section III:

Section 359-12 is hereby retitled “Failure to comply; Removal by Borough; Assessment of costs” and shall be replaced in its entirety with the following text (all text novel):

In case such snow or ice shall not be removed from such sidewalks or streets or shall be cast, deposited thereon or placed upon such sidewalks or streets by the owner or other persons, as provided herein, the same shall be removed forthwith under the direction of the appropriate official of the Department of Public Works, and the cost of such removal, as nearly as can be ascertained, shall be charged against the real estate so abutting or bordering upon such sidewalk of street.

Section IV:

Section 359-13 is hereby retitled “Violations and penalties” and shall be replaced in its entirety with the following text (all text novel):

Every person convicted of a violation of this article shall be subjected to a fine of not more than \$200 or imprisonment for a term of not more than 15 days or both.

Section V

Sections 359-14, 359-15, 359-16, 359-17, 359-18, and 359-19 are hereby repealed in their entirety and shall each be replaced with the designation [RESERVED] in the code book.

Section VI

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section VII

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section VIII

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX

Kelsey Meixner, Municipal Clerk

John Mikolajczyk, Mayor

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