

§ 95-10. Snow and ice removal from sidewalks and driveways. [Amended 2-27-2018; 10-22-2019]

- A. The provisions of Section 7-163a of the Connecticut General Statutes are hereby adopted and are set forth in Subsections B, C and D hereof.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes or any other general or special act, the City shall not be liable to any person for injury to person or property due to the presence of ice or snow on a public Sidewalk unless the City is the owner or person in possession and control of land abutting such Sidewalk, other than land used as a highway or street, provided that the City shall be liable for its affirmative acts with respect to any such sidewalk under its possession and control.
- C. The owner or person in possession and control of land abutting a public sidewalk shall have the same duty of care with respect to the presence of ice or snow on such sidewalk toward the portion of the sidewalk abutting his property as the City had prior to the effective date of this article and shall be liable to persons injured in person or property where a breach of said duty is the proximate cause of said injury,
- D. No action to recover damage/es for injury to person or property caused by the presence of ice or snow on a public sidewalk against a person who owns or is in possession and control of land abutting a public sidewalk shall be brought but within two years from the date when the injury is first sustained.
- E. It shall be the duty of each owner and/or occupant in possession and control, jointly, of every parcel of real estate abutting a public sidewalk, whether the parcel of real estate is occupied by a structure or not, to keep such sidewalks free from snow and ice for the full paved width of such sidewalks or, in the case of ice, by covering the same with sand, salt, chemical ice melt or other suitable material, and then renewing such treatment as often as may be necessary to keep such sidewalk safe and convenient.
- F. In case of the failure or neglect of the owner or occupant in possession and control of land abutting the public sidewalk to comply with this section, as identified in Subsection E, the Chief of Economic and Community Development, the Chief Building Official, or their respective designees may cause the same to be done, and the expense thereof shall be collectible from the person so failing or neglecting, in an action of debt brought in the name of the City under this section. It will be presumed that the owner and/or occupant, as identified in Subsection E, has not complied with its obligations under this section if the owner and/or occupant fails to remove snow and/or ice within 24 hours after the cessation of the weather related event. Any person who fails or neglects to comply with this subsection shall also be liable for a penalty or fine in an amount established in accordance with § 90-4 of the Norwalk City Code, Approval of rates and fees.
- G. No person, firm or private corporation shall deposit, throw, place or strew, nor shall any person, firm, or private corporation cause to be deposited, thrown, placed or strewn, any snow or ice upon any streets, avenues, roadways, highways or sidewalks within the City. Any person, firm or private corporation who violates this subsection shall also be liable for a penalty or fine in an amount established in accordance with § 90-4 of the Norwalk City Code, Approval of rates and fees.