



West Springfield Town Council

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AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

ORDERED: that the provisions of Article V of Chapter 218 of the Code (Ordinances) of the Town of West Springfield, relative to Snow and Ice Removal is hereby amended as follows:

Division 1	General Ordinances
Part II	General Legislation
Chapter 218	Streets and Sidewalks
Article V	Snow and Ice Removal

Replace the existing language of § 218-27 through § 218-33 with the following:

§ 218-27 Removal of Snow/Ice Accumulation

The owner of any real property that contains or abuts a public sidewalk shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours after the precipitation that caused the accumulation has ended. If snow or ice accumulates for reasons other than precipitation (e.g., plowing), it shall be removed within 24 hours of such accumulation. Sidewalks shall be cleared to the surface, or, if that is impracticable, treated with salt, sand or another material to make them safe for pedestrians. Sidewalk ramps, curb cuts, and pedestrian-access routes located along the property frontage must also be cleared to a safe, usable condition within the same 24-hour period.

§ 218-28 Fire Hydrants

The owner of any real property that contains or abuts a fire hydrant shall remove all snow and ice from around the hydrant within 24 hours after the precipitation that caused the accumulation has ended. Fire hydrants must be kept fully visible and accessible at all times.

§ 218-29 Catch Basins

No person shall deposit snow, ice, or any other material onto or against any catch basin in the Town.

§ 218-30 Throwing Snow or Ice into Streets

No person shall deposit snow or ice onto any portion of a way used for travel.

§ 218-31 Violations and Penalties

Violations of this Article shall be enforceable under the non-criminal disposition procedures established by M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D, as adopted in Chapter 1, Article II of these Ordinances. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

- A. Violations of § 218-27 (Removal of Snow/Ice Accumulation). Any person who violates § 218-27 shall be subject to the following non-criminal disposition penalties:
 - (1) Written warning for the first violation; and
 - (2) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each subsequent violation, consistent with the limitations set forth in M.G.L. c. 85, § 5.

- B. Violations of all other sections of this Article. Violations of any other provision of this Article shall be subject to the following non-criminal disposition penalties:
 - (1) Written warning for the first violation;
 - (2) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the second violation;
 - (3) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the third violation; and
 - (4) Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each subsequent violation.

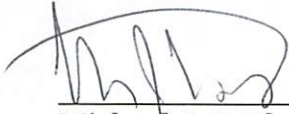
- C. Each 24-hour period that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

- D. The cycle of violations shall reset each fiscal year on July 1.

- E. This Article may be enforced by any Town department or municipal employee authorized by the Mayor, including but not limited to: Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Building Department, Central Maintenance Department and Department of Public Works.

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Per order of the West Springfield Town Council, approved on the 2nd day of March 2026 by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed, with zero(0) abstaining.

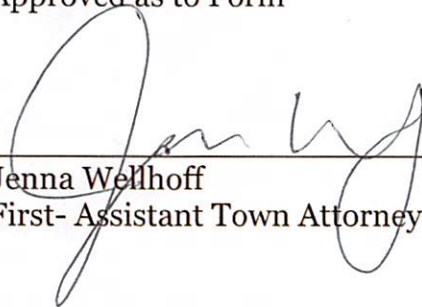


Michael J. LaFlamme
Town Council President

3/5/2026

Date

Approved as to Form



Jenna Wellhoff
First- Assistant Town Attorney

3/3/2026

Date

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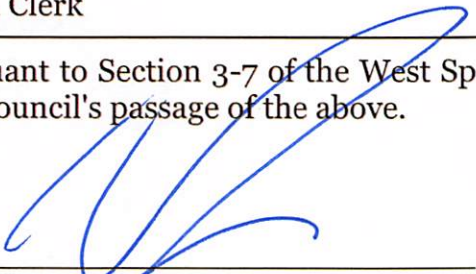


Otto Frizzell
Town Clerk

3/5/2026

Date Presented

Pursuant to Section 3-7 of the West Springfield Home Rule Charter, I hereby approve the Council's passage of the above.



William C. Reichelt
Mayor

3/5/26

Date