

Ordinance 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 12.05. SECTION 12.05.150 OF THE STAUNTON CITY CODE TO AMEND SNOW REMOVAL REQUIREMENTS

Recitals

- A. The City of Staunton's Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places Title establishes the duties of property owners to remove snow and ice from the City's sidewalks;
- B. The Staunton City Council desires to amend the Staunton City Code to alter time requirements and penalties for the failure to remove snow and ice from the City's sidewalks;
- C. The Staunton City Charter authorizes the Staunton City Council "to establish any penalty for the violation of any city ordinance";
- C. This matter has been properly advertised, heard, and considered; and
- D. These recitals are an integral part of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia that Title 12, Chapter 12.05, Section 12.05.150 of the Staunton City Code is **HEREBY AMENDED, RESTATED, AND REORDAINED** as follows and indicated by the underlined text:

Chapter 12.05 IN GENERAL

12.05.150 Duty of property owners or occupants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks.

It shall be the duty of every person occupying any property abutting on a paved sidewalk to remove snow, sleet or ice from such sidewalk, within ~~six~~ twelve hours after the snow or sleet ceases to fall or the ice ceases to form, ~~unless the snow or sleet fell or the ice formed during the night, in which case it shall be removed by 12:00 noon on the following day.~~ If any such property is unoccupied, it shall be the duty of the owner or the person having charge thereof to comply with the requirements of this section.

If the total accumulation of snow, sleet and ice exceeds six (6) inches or more, the aforementioned twelve (12) hour time limit to remove snow, sleet and ice from such sidewalk shall be extended to twenty-four (24) hours after the snow or sleet ceases to fall or the ice ceases to form. If the total accumulation of snow, sleet, and ice exceeds twelve (12) inches or more, the aforementioned twenty-four (24) hour time limit to remove snow sleet or ice from such sidewalk

may be extended by the city manager up to thirty-six (36) hours after the snow or sleet ceases to fall or the ice ceases to form. The duration of the extension, as determined by the city manager, shall be based on the total amount of accumulation of snow and ice, the projected temperatures in the city, and any other relevant weather conditions.

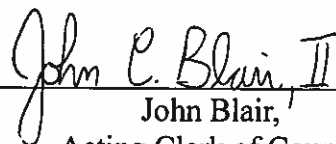
For purposes of this ordinance, the city manager shall declare when the snow or sleet ceases to fall or the ice ceases to form by using any communication method the city manager deems appropriate to communicate the declaration. However, if (i) the accumulation of the snow, sleet, and ice does not exceed six (6) inches or more; and (ii) if the city manager determines that the snow or sleet ceased to form during the night, then the snow, sleet and ice shall be removed from the sidewalk by 6:00 p.m. the following day.

A violation of the prohibition contained herein shall be punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$50.00.

In all other respects, the provisions of Title 12 of the Staunton City Code remain the same and are hereby restated, confirmed, and reordained.

Introduced: 12-11-25
Adopted: 1-8-26
Effective Date: 1-8-26


Michele D. Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST: 
John Blair,
Acting Clerk of Council