



IMPORTANT NOTICE: A \$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPEAL, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ASSESSED CHARGES.

Checks should be made payable to: City of Milwaukee and a copy of the bill should be included with your appeal

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CUSTOMERS PAYING BY CHECK

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account, or to process the payment as a check transaction.

IF THE CHARGES HAVE ALREADY APPEARED ON YOUR TAX BILL, THIS APPEAL CANNOT BE FILED

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

This Board may only determine if the City Department followed proper administrative procedures. It cannot hear appeals as to whether a Building Order is valid or not (those must be appealed to the Standards and Appeals Commission).

TO: Administrative Review Appeals Board
City Hall, Rm. 205
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-2221

DATE: 4/29/26 (returned from vacation 4/26/26)

RE: 5700 W. Stack Dr.
(Address of property in question) Milw, WI 53219

Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing.

I am appealing the administrative procedure followed by Dept. of Public Works Operations Division
(Name of City Department) Environmental Services

Amount of the charges \$ 354.95

Charge relative to: sidewalk not cleared of snow

I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employee's names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:

The following are bullet points on how City was improper, more details attached:

- First we heard of violation was \$354.95 in mail. Later found out about post-it that was left, but tenants removed and DID THE WORK.
- Video evidence (Ring Camera - motion activated) shows tenant activity clearing snow, 6:46pm - 7:08pm on 3/18/26. Post-it left at 1:32pm.
- Ring Camera shows tenants leaving 7:09pm, then NO other motion until 9:06pm. City is ALLEGING they came and cleared snow 8:43pm - 8:59pm in that "no motion" timeframe. The only time/day reference the City uses is a dry erase white board.

• Also, overcharged on feet of sidewalk cleared, but that's irrelevant here.

[Signature]
Signature

Scott Simon

Name (please print)

5650 S. Kurtz Rd.

Males Corners, WI 53130

Mailing address and zip code

414-719-0314

Daytime phone number

ssimondc@yahoo.com

4/30/26

To whom it may concern:

This is a letter summarizing the charges/violation that we received, and also explaining the inconsistencies and why I feel this is a definite candidate for appeal.

My wife and I own the property in question at 5700 W Stack Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53219. The last major snowfall we had is when this all took place. 3/17-3/18/26. All the letters, notes, pictures, videos, and other evidence referenced below I have, and can be provided easily, if needed in part of the review process of this appeal.

Our tenants know, as it's in their lease, that they are responsible for snow removal. There has never been an issue with them at this address, or any of our properties, in getting their snow removal duties done.

We received a letter at our main residence detailing the "violation" and the fine that we had been assessed. **\$354.95**. (approx date we received the letter was in early April, letter was dated March 25, 2026). Upon receiving the letter, I was shocked to say the least, and had a LOT of back and forth with the city, which number to call, who to talk to, etc. This was the FIRST we had heard anything about this violation. I tried explaining there was no warning, no problem mentioned from tenants, so why would I be receiving this bill?

We were about to leave on a family vacation in mid April, otherwise I would have done more of this "detective" work before leaving, but I decided to send the check in for the payment, to make sure it met the deadline of 30 days (would have been April 25 while we were still on vacation). I believe you guys have cashed the check already.

Upon returning from vacation, I finally was able to speak with tenants further (who were also busy and out of town before/around the time I sent the check in), and new information for this has come to light.

Tenants swore they did the snow removal that day, March the 18th, and I trust them because we've never had any issues with them and snow removal duties. They split it up, and the one tenant was very ill in bed, so they hadn't done their portion YET when a small post-it was put on the door at **1:32pm on 3/18/26** (per Nicole Walter, city employee). She explained that once posted, the property "is already in violation". I haven't gone back into "weather history records" to see when the snowfall actually ended that day, or day before, but that's beside the point here. The post-it was allegedly placed at **1:32pm**. One tenant removed when they got home from work, and the other tenant, even though very ill, got outside and finished the portion in question that is the "violation" between the times of **6:46pm and 7:08pm on 3/18/26**. **Ring Camera footage (with timestamps)** that we have in video confirms this activity out by/on the sidewalk, and tenant setting shovel down to indicate finishing at **7:08pm**.

The City is ALLEGING that they (contractor named "Jason") was there that same night, at **8:43pm**, to clear the sidewalk. The problem here, is that the City's pictures they have (and provided, which I'm sure you have access to) DON'T have a time stamp. They have a **small dry erase board**, with the date (**3/18**) and the time (**8:43pm**) **WRITTEN** on the board as "**Start**", as if that would qualify as evidence of the exact date and time. (writing on a white board could be done at any day/time). The pics with that time showed a sidewalk not cleared or shoveled. Then there's pics the City took/provided with a sidewalk cleared/shoveled, and they again **WROTE** on the white board dry erase "**Finish: 8:59pm**". Not digital time stamped, dry erase written on a white board. So...the obvious question is how would the pictures showing an uncleared sidewalk at **8:43pm** be possible if my tenants had just been out **clearing it and finishing at 7:08pm**?

The next bit of evidence I have is the Ring Cameras once again. They are **motion activated**. Cars drive by, they turn on and record. Person walking, they turn on and record. The Ring Camera has the footage of the activity by tenants snow clearing from **6:46pm until 7:08pm**. Then it shows tenants leaving the house at **7:09pm**. Motion activated. Then the NEXT recorded motion was a vehicle at **9:06pm**. There was **ZERO ACTIVITY OR MOTION RECORDED** between the times of **7:09pm and 9:06pm**, which includes the **8:43pm-8:59pm window**, when the City workers were **ALLEGEDLY** there doing the sidewalk clearing. You can see the problem here.

I also had asked to speak with the contractor that did the work. Nicole Walter said that "Jason" had been the one to do it, and she had said that she would have him call me the next day. To this day there still has not been a call back to me from "Jason".

Aside from this evidence questioning/showing the City was never even there at that time, I went to the property yesterday and paced it off, and also measured with tape measure. Both of which I have **videos recorded for evidence**, the number of feet of sidewalk that was in question. Per Nicole Walter (on the billing side of it), she said part of what added up to the \$354.95 total fine for us was a **\$210 portion for 121-180 ft of sidewalk clearance**. Again, per her explanation. When I paced it off and measured with tape measure, I have around 100 ft. 105 ft at MOST. Videos recorded for evidence. Therefore even IF a legitimate fine, we were overcharged for the footage of sidewalk cleared.

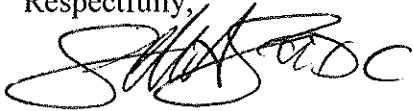
I don't believe the "number of feet of sidewalk" in question should even be an issue though, as Ring camera footage (**WITH TIMESTAMPS**) confirms the tenants activity, and shows **ZERO** activity at the time the city is alleging they're there to "clear" it.

In light of this, we'd definitely like to appeal, and hope/expect a refund, besides the \$25 appeal fee (enclosed), and if indeed the property was "in violation" at 1:32pm on Wed 3/18, the \$50 fee on there. I will be checking into the weather history also though to see when the snow did in fact stop.

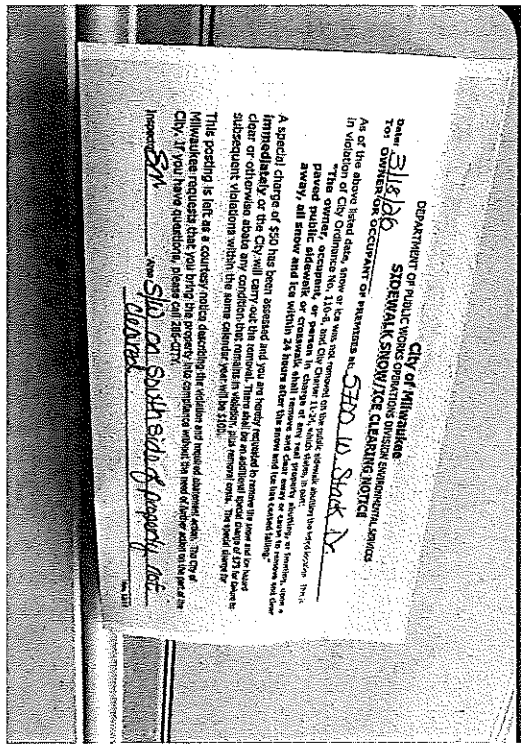
Once again, all the letters, notes, pictures, videos, and other evidence referenced in this letter I have, and can be provided easily, if needed in part of the review process of this appeal.

Please advise, and thank you very much for your time and help in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Simon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Simon
Owner, 5700 W Stack Dr. Property
414-719-0314
ssimondc@yahoo.com





Department of Public Works - Operations Division
 Zeidler Municipal Building - -
 TELEPHONE:

Nicole Walter
414-286-2542

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March 25, 2026

RACHEL SIMON
 SCOTT SIMON
 5650 S KURTZ RD
 HALES CORNERS, WI 53130

Record ID: **PWCF-26-01915**
 Violation: **Sidewalk Snow/Ice**
 Address: **5700 W STACK DR**
 Taxkey: **5130009000**
 Notice Date: **03/18/2026**
 Amount Due: **\$\$\$354.95**

Your property has been found in violation of City of Milwaukee Ordinance No. 116-8, sidewalks to be kept clean. **\$354.95 is now due. Future violations of this ordinance will result in escalating fees.**

Please take action now to pay this special assessment.

Pay Online

(Credit /Debit Card or E-Check)
milwaukee.gov/dpwpayment
 Enter the Record ID # found on the coupon below.

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(Cash or Check only)
 Present coupon below with payment during normal working hours:
 OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
 AT CITY HALL

Pay by Mail

(Check or Money Order only)
 Send coupon below with check or money order to:
 OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
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If not paid within 30 days, an additional \$10 administrative fee will be incurred and added to your next property tax bill. If you fail to pay the full amount of your property tax bill, including the special assessments and charges, your property will be eligible for in rem tax foreclosure action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 75.521, Wisconsin State Statutes, or you may be subject to a personal civil action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 74.53, Wisconsin State Statutes.

To appeal these charges, print the appeal application available online at milwaukee.gov/appealform. You may also request an appeal application by calling (414) 286-CITY(2489). Return the appeal application along with the \$25 appeal filing fee to the Administrative Review Appeals Board, 200 E Wells St, Rm 205, **within 120 days** of the date of this letter.

7 By law, written notification to property owners/tenants in violation of this ordinance is not required. As a courtesy, a notice was posted on your property (unless that property is a vacant lot) for compliance. To sign up for email notifications of Forestry and Sanitation Services property violations; visit milwaukee.gov/enotify and subscribe to location based service notifications.

If you have any questions regarding these charges, please contact the City of Milwaukee Call Center at (414) 286- CITY

Receipt of ARBA Fee

Date:	Monday, May 4, 2026
Received Of:	Scott Simon DPW Snow/ice removal
Property at:	5700 W Stack Drive
Received By:	Joanna Urtiz
Check # (If Applicable):	Ck#1646
Amount:	\$25.00