



# MEMORANDUM

## LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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**To:** Finance & Personnel Committee  
**From:** Kathleen Brengosz, Fiscal Planning Specialist, x3926  
**Date:** October 23, 2017  
**Subject:** Snow & Ice Removal Cost Recovery Charge

The following information is in response to your question regarding the charge for snow and ice removal. In 2002, the City of Milwaukee began collecting a Snow and Ice Removal Cost Recovery Charge as authorized by s.66.0627, Wis. Stats. Section 309-83 of the Milwaukee Code requires the adoption of a resolution on an annual basis to establish the charge. The charge is based on property frontage. For residential properties with more than one frontage (corner lots), the City uses the shortest side to determine the charge. For non-residential property owners, the City uses the total frontage.

The charge is expected to generate approximately 97% of the estimated cost of the City's snow and ice control operations. In 2018, the annual charge for snow and ice removal for the owner of a property with 40 feet of frontage will be \$38.85.

Year	Amount (per frontage foot)	Percentage Change	Typical Charge (40' of frontage)
2002	\$ 0.276		\$ 11.04
2003	\$ 0.276	0.0%	\$ 11.04
2004	\$ 0.276	0.0%	\$ 11.04
2005	\$ 0.276	0.0%	\$ 11.04
2006	\$ 0.276	0.0%	\$ 11.04
2007	\$ 0.276	0.0%	\$ 11.04
2008	\$ 0.120	-56.6%	\$ 4.79
2009	\$ 0.528	341.4%	\$ 21.13
2010	\$ 0.740	40.1%	\$ 29.60
2011	\$ 0.680	-8.1%	\$ 27.20
2012	\$ 0.830	22.1%	\$ 33.20
2013	\$ 0.830	0.0%	\$ 33.20
2014	\$ 0.860	3.6%	\$ 34.40
2015	\$ 0.920	7.0%	\$ 36.80
2016	\$ 0.920	0.0%	\$ 36.80
2017	\$ 0.943	2.5%	\$ 37.72
2018	\$ 0.971	3.0%	\$ 38.84