- Who do I contact if my neighbor did not clear their sidewalk?
- Exhibit A

What is the fee/fine for not clearing my sidewalk?

Properties in violation are assessed a special charge of \$50. Properties in violation will be posted, when possible, and referred to an abatement contractor on the same day. If the snow has not been removed from the sidewalk before the contractor arrives, the property owner will be charged for this cost and an additional service charge of \$75. This additional special charge increases to \$100 for subsequent violations within the same calendar year. (City Ordinance 116-8)

How do I know if my property has been posted?

Note: "this cost" refers to the cost of the abatement contractor.

- Why was my street plowed first last year and last this year?
- There was a car parked on my street when the plow came through. Will DPW come back to clear the snow to the curb?
- Why did I see a truck driving in snow with its blade up?
- What are the parking rules in winter?
- How do I find out if there is a Snow Emergency?
- Who clears the snow on the freeway?
- Who is responsible for clearing fire hydrants?

116-5 Use of Public Ways and Places

- 5. SIGN STANDARDS. To ensure consistent and effective signage, the chief of police shall, in coordination with the commissioner of public works, set standards for each of the 3 types of crime watch program signs described in sub. 4. These standards may relate to sign placement, size, wording, color, reflectivity and any other characteristic that the chief and commissioner deem appropriate. In addition, as required by s. 66.0429(2), Wis. Stats., the design of each sign type shall be approved by the Wisconsin department of transportation.
- **6.** SIGN INSTALLATION. The department of public works shall install all signs to be placed under the crime watch sign program. Signs shall be installed on city poles in the public right-of-way. Sign installation shall be at no cost to the neighborhood association, participating business or block watch club, but the association, business or club shall be responsible for any maintenance costs or costs related to damaged, lost or stolen signs.
- COSTS. At the discretion of the sponsoring neighborhood association, business or block watch club, fabrication of crime watch program signs may be performed either by the city or by a private vendor selected by the citywide block watch council established in s. 312-14. In either case, signs shall be fabricated in accordance with the standards promulgated by the chief of police and commissioner of public works under sub. 5. The neighborhood association, business or block watch club shall be responsible for all sign fabrication costs. At the discretion of the chief of police, the police department may also assume the costs of acquiring crime watch program signs.

116-5. Historic District Identification Signs.

- 1. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED. There is established a program to permit the installation of special historic district identification signs above street name signs in any locally or nationally designated historic district in the city. The city engineer shall administer this program.
- 2. APPLICATION. An application for historic district identification signs in a particular historic district shall be filed with the city engineer on a form provided by the city engineer. The application shall specify the name of the historic district, the name, address and telephone number of the applicant, and the number and locations of signs requested. The

- application shall be accompanied by the application fee specified in ch. 81.
- 3. DESIGN, FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION. The applicant shall design and fabricate the signs in accordance with standards promulgated by the city engineer. The city engineer shall install the signs within 60 days of receipt of the signs from the applicant and upon receipt of full payment from the applicant of the cost of installation of the signs. The payment amount shall be based on the number of signs and the per-sign fee specified in ch. 81.
- 116-8. Sidewalks to be Kept Clean. 1. SNOW AND ICE. The owner, occupant or person in charge of any real property abutting or fronting upon a paved public sidewalk or crosswalk shall remove and clear away all snow and ice on the entire paved surface within 24 hours after the snow or ice has ceased to fall. Whenever ice has so formed on any sidewalk that it cannot be removed, then the persons responsible for snow and ice removal under this subsection shall prevent the remaining ice from presenting a hazard to the users of the sidewalk by applying sand, abrasive material or any product that melts ice to the entire paved surface. Upon placement of excessive amounts of snow in the crosswalks by city plows or other mechanical devices, the commissioner of public works shall be responsible for mechanical clearing of such accumulations so as to provide reasonable pedestrian access from the public sidewalk to the roadway crosswalk. After mechanical clearing by the city is complete, the owner, occupant or person in charge shall be responsible for any needed hand-clearing of the crosswalk opening as required in this subsection.
- 2. COMPLAINT. In construing the provisions of this section, only owners of vacant lots or vacant premises are deemed to be the proper person whose duty it shall be to comply with this section; where the real property consists of a single family residence or is solely used for business, the owner or occupant shall be deemed to be the proper person whose duty it shall be to comply with this section; and as to any other real property, the owner or any occupants, unless a person has been designated by the owner to be in charge of the premises and is residing thereon, are deemed to be the proper persons whose duty it shall be to comply with this section.

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- 3. MUD AND DIRT. It shall also be the duty of the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the property to keep the sidewalk clean of any dirt, dust, cinders, mud, oil or other similar substances when the sidewalks are clear of snow and ice.
- 4. CHARGES AND COSTS. a. If a person is found to be in violation of the requirements of this section, the person shall be subject to a special charge of \$50. There shall be an additional special charge of \$75 for failure to clear or otherwise abate any condition that remains in violation of this section. Upon a subsequent failure to comply with this section in the same calendar year, the person shall be subject to a special charge of \$100. Any costs incurred by the city in abatement or remediation shall constitute additional special charges.
- b. Special charges made under this subsection shall be due and payable 30 days after billing or, if not paid within that time, become a lien on the subject property as provided in s. 66.0627, Wis. Stats. The lien shall take effect as of the date of delinquency and shall include an administrative charge of \$10. The lien shall automatically be extended upon the current or next tax roll as a delinquent tax against the property and all proceedings in relation to the collection, return and sale of the property for delinquent real estate taxes shall apply to such charge.
- **116-9.** Raingutter Drainage on Sidewalks. Every person owning any building in the city of Milwaukee, situated as described in s. 116-8, shall cause the pipes conducting the water from the eaves of the building to be so constructed as not to spread the water over the sidewalks, and every person neglecting the requirements of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$10.

116-12. Snow Plowing Equipment License.

1. LICENSE ISSUED BY CITY CLERK. No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of removing snow or ice from the public sidewalks or public alleys of the city by means of motorized sweepers or plows or receive compensation for doing such work without first obtaining a license therefor in the manner hereinafter provided. The license shall be obtained from the city clerk upon approval of the commissioner of public works and pursuant

to ch. 85. The city clerk shall publish to the city's website a list of all snow plowing equipment license holders.

- INSURANCE REQUIRED. license shall be granted unless the applicant has filed with the city clerk a public liability insurance policy in the sum of at least \$5,000 or a proper certificate showing such policy to be in force, conditioned among other things, that the person shall pay any and all damages which may happen to any tree, pavement, street, or sidewalk or to any utility pole or to any other property belonging to the city, whether the damage shall be inflicted by the person or his or her employees or workers, and conditioned also that the person shall save and indemnify and keep harmless the city against all liability, judgments, costs, and expenses which may in any way accrue against the city in consequence of the granting of the license.
- 3. ISSUANCE. The licensee shall comply with the conditions of any license which may be issued. Upon filing with the city clerk of the public liability insurance policy or certificate of insurance, and upon payment of the license fee required in s. 81-114 to the city treasurer, the license shall be issued.
- **4.** PENALTY. Any person violating this section shall forfeit to the city a penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for each offense, and in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned in the house of correction or county jail of Milwaukee county for a period not to exceed 60 days, or until such penalty and costs shall be paid.

116-15. Vacant Lots to be Cleaned.

OWNER TO BE NOTIFIED. Whenever an unoccupied or partially unoccupied lot or parcel of land in the city has been left in an unsafe or unsightly condition, or both, because of debris, unsightly materials, or surface irregularities, or unprotected or unfinished excavations, it shall be the duty of the commissioner of public works to notify the owner or person in charge in writing, to clean up and, if necessary, protect the premises. The time in which the owner or person in charge must comply with the aforementioned order shall be in the discretion of the commissioner of public works, but the time given in such order shall not be less than 3 days, nor more than 30 days. In the event such order is not complied with, the

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