



**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) 286-2231

**DATE:** 1/27/2017

**RE:** 145-149 So. 1st.  
(Address of property in question)

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)

Amount of the charges \$ 100

Charge relative to: Snow removal

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:

See attached!

Kenneth McCarthy  
Signature

Kenneth McCarthy  
Name (please print)

145 So. 1st. Milwaukee WI. 53204

Mailing address and zip code

Daytime phone number

January 27, 2017

When I looked out the window on December 15, 2016 it was snowing and drifting on South 1st Street about 3AM.

On December 15, 2016 around noon, I removed the snow and salted everything.

As we all know, listening to weather reports on TV and the radio, no snow or weather reports are the same. It could be snowing north or west of South First street, or even south of the airport at different times and there is no way to tell where the snow has stopped.

On January 6, 2017 I received a letter from the Department of Public Works stating that I was in violation of snow removal on December 15, 2016, which I was not, and I was being charged a penalty. I never received any prior notice and nothing was posted as they refer to in their letter regarding snow removal on any property.

I called the phone number (414-286-2489) that was provided in the letters I received January 6, 2017 to request a phone number for information about this letter and to talk to someone to find out when snow stops. The woman who answered tried to be helpful and she admitted she didn't have any idea. She said that was a very good point and the city of Milwaukee should probably have a number to call. There was no phone number that the City had that anyone could obtain that information. I then asked if there was a number at the City to call to ask when a snow fall had ended. She said there is no such number. I then asked to speak to somebody in the Department of Public works or anybody who knew anything about this. She told me then that she could not connect me with anyone and that she would take my name and number and when someone had the time, they would try to call me back. I asked her when someone would call back and she had no idea. I then asked, does that mean citizens with questions would have to sit at their phone all day at their beck and call.

In conclusion, this is unfair and unjustified, and I feel I should not be penalized because I received no notice or posting as described in Department of Public Works letter. It is virtually impossible to know in what areas of the city of Milwaukee where it might be snowing or where it has stopped snowing, and there is no number or hot line for the city of Milwaukee Department of Public Works to tell us how they are determining when a snow fall has ended in various areas of the city of Milwaukee. Also, on December 15, 2016 at about noon the snow was cleared and the sidewalks were salted. I would think well within the time frame. Also, there is no documented history of snow removal problems on my properties. I would ask you to dismiss these penalty/inspection fees.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and attention to this request.

**Department of Public Works - Operations Division**

Zeidler Municipal Building - 841 N Broadway Room 620 - Milwaukee WI 53202

TELEPHONE: 414-286-CITY (2489)

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January 03, 2017

Assessment ID: SN-277-2017

**KENNETH MC CARTHY****153 S 1ST ST****MILWAUKEE WI 53204**

Dear Property Owner:

**City of Milwaukee Ordinance No. 116-8** states snow and ice must be removed and prevented from posing a hazard on sidewalks/crosswalks within 24 hours after the snow/ice stops falling. If in violation of this ordinance, a notice will be posted and a \$50 inspection fee will be charged. Failure to comply with the notice will result in the City of Milwaukee eliminating the hazard and charging the owner any cost incurred in addition to an administrative charge of \$75 for the first violation or \$100 for subsequent violations.

You failed to comply with this ordinance at the following property:

Assmt ID	Address	Date Posted	Amount Due
SN-277-2017	149 S 1ST ST	12/15/2016	\$ 50.00
Tax Key		Date Cleared	
428-0231-000			

The above amount is now due. If not paid within 30 days, an additional **\$10 administrative fee** will be incurred and the charges will be added to your **2017** property tax bill. In person payment of cash, check or money orders accepted. Please do not mail cash. In person payments may be made at the **OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER AT CITY HALL, 200 E WELLS ST** during normal working hours. Please make checks payable to the "CITY OF MILWAUKEE" and mail with the attached coupon.

To appeal these charges, print the appeal application available online at [city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/ccClerk/PDFs/ARAB\\_FORM.pdf](http://city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/Groups/ccClerk/PDFs/ARAB_FORM.pdf) (select departments, city clerk). You may also request an appeal application by calling (414) 286-CITY. Return the appeal application along with the \$25 appeal filing fee (check should be made payable to 'City of Milwaukee') to the Administrative Review Appeals Board, 200 E Wells St, Rm 205, **within thirty (30) days** of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding these charges, please contact the City of Milwaukee Call Center at (414) 286-CITY (2489). You can search for current charges against your property online at [city.milwaukee.gov/mpw](http://city.milwaukee.gov/mpw) (Click on "Property Charges and Special Assessments" in the Quick Hot Links.)

**Please detach and return this coupon with payment for  
City of Milwaukee - DPW Snow Removal Charge**

Bill To: **KENNETH MC CARTHY**Assessment ID: **SN-277-2017**Make check payable to: **City of Milwaukee**Amount Due: **\$50.00**

Mail to: **Office of the City Treasurer  
PO Box 514062  
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3462**

In person payments can be made at:  
**Office of the City Treasurer  
City Hall, Room 103  
200 E Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202**

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## Receipt of A.R.A.B. Appeal Fee

Date:	2/1/17
Received Of:	Kenneth McCarthy
Property at:	149 S. 1 <sup>st</sup> St.
Received By:	CL
Check # (If Applicable):	
Amount Received	\$25

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE