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CITY OF URBANA SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL REQUIREMENT IN EFFECT

At 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 18, 2022, the Urbana Public Works Director will declare the sidewalk snow and ice removal requirement in effect for the Downtown, University, and South Philo Road snow removal districts.

Due to the winter storm, ice and/or two inches or more of snow has accumulated on sidewalks. In order to make sidewalks safe for pedestrians, City ordinance requires that public sidewalks, within the defined districts, be cleared by adjacent property owners within 24 hours after the Public Works Director's declaration. Sidewalks need to be cleared by 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 19, 2022. Public sidewalks within these districts, which are not in compliance, could be cleared by the City at the expense of the adjacent property owner, with additional fines and administrative fees applied.

Maps of the snow removal districts, snow and ice abatement methods and other information regarding the snow removal ordinance can be found on the City's website: <http://urbanaininois.us/businesses/sidewalk-snow-removal>. Areas added by ordinance on November 4, 2019 will be subject to this ordinance for this event.

Property owners outside of the snow removal districts are also asked to voluntarily clear sidewalks adjacent to their properties in a timely manner, to help make pedestrian travel safe. In addition, property owners and contracted snow plow operators are reminded about the City of Urbana's ordinance which prohibits plowing or otherwise depositing snow from private property onto public streets and sidewalks. Violations of the ordinance may result in fines.

For more information, please contact the Urbana Public Works Department at 217/384-2342.

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