City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand Fifteen

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF Mayor David J. Narkewicz

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by revising section #285-17 of said code; providing for **Snow and ice on sidewalks; removal by owner or occupant required; removal by City**

it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows: That section **285-17** of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

Amend §285-17 Snow and ice on sidewalks; removal by owner or occupant required; removal by City

Delete §285-17 in its entirety and replace as follows:

§285-17 Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks

A.
The owner responsible for a building, structure or lot of land bordering on any street, lane, court, square or public place within the city where there is a sidewalk, including any curb ramp/cut, shall, after snow has ceased to fall thereupon or whenever snow shall have collected or deposited upon any such sidewalk, within 24 hours, remove the same or cause the same to be removed from such sidewalk; and also remove or cause to be removed from such sidewalk, or cover or cause to be covered with sand or some other suitable substance, within 24 hours after it has formed or appeared, any ice with which the same may be encumbered, in such way as to render such sidewalk safe and convenient for travel, to the full width. For property located in the Central Business District or in areas of Florence zoned General Business as delineated on the Northampton Zoning Map, the above requirements must be met within 24 hours or by 8:00 am on the next business day, whichever is sooner. If a person is found to be violating the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police, or his/her designee, the Director of Public Works, or his/her designee, or Parking Enforcement Officers, to assess a fine to any such person in accordance with the fine schedule set forth in Chapter 40 entitled "Noncriminal Enforcement," § 5. Each twenty-four-hour period a violation of Subsection A or B exists shall be considered to constitute a separate offense.

B.
No person shall place, deposit, or move ice or snow onto the paved surface of a street, or onto a gravel shoulder area if any.

C.
Upon neglect of or violation of the duties imposed by the provisions of Subsections A and B of § 285-17, such duties may be performed by the Director of Public Works or his/her designee at the expense of the person(s) or entities liable to perform those duties. Assessment of costs under this subsection shall not preclude any party from being fined under §40-5.