



ORDINANCE #2025-05

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 98 – Streets, sidewalks, storm sewers, and other public places, Article I. – In General, Section 98-5 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 98-5. Duty of tenants or owners to maintain sidewalks and landscaped areas within the street right-of-way.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person having control of any property abutting upon a sidewalk to permit or allow debris or other materials to accumulate at any time so that pedestrians may conveniently and safely pass.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the owner, occupant or person having control of any property abutting upon a sidewalk to keep the landscaped area between the sidewalk and the curbline, or where no sidewalk exists between the property line and curbline or paved street, maintained in accordance with the standards set forth in chapter 114, article II, pertaining to weeds.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to sweep, blow, or otherwise discharge grass clippings into any street, sidewalk, storm drain, or water course more than incidental amounts of grass.
- (d) Violations; penalties. Any property in violation of any provision of this section shall be fined as provided for in Appendix F—Fees and Fines.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

That Chapter 98 – Streets, sidewalks, storm sewers, and other public places, Article I. – In General, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 98-12. Snow and ice removal from sidewalks in the public right-of-way.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant, or person having control of any property to permit or allow sidewalk(s) abutting the property to accumulate snow or ice when 24 hours have passed since the snowfall ends. The sidewalks must remain clear after the initial 24-hour period from the last snowfall ending.
- (b) Notice: Any property found to have snow or ice remaining on sidewalk(s) abutting property after 24 hours have passed since the snowfall ends will receive a notice of violation and a citation in writing by the code official.

(c) Violations; penalties. Any property who fails to keep the sidewalk(s) free from snow and ice after 24 hours of the posting of the initial notice of violation will subject the property owner to penalties as provided in Appendix F- Fees and Fines.

(d) Appeals: Any person aggrieved by a code official's decision or who believes they are subject to an exemption from this section shall have the right to appeal to the Code Board of Appeals. Such an appeal must be filed in writing and submitted to the City Clerk's Office within 30 days of the date of written correspondence.

Secs. 98-13—98-40. Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

That Appendix F -Fees and Fines, be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 98. – Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places

Chapter 98. Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places	Fees and Fines
<i>Article I. In General</i>	
Sec. 98-5. Duty of tenants or owners to maintain sidewalks and landscaped areas within the street right-of-way	\$100.00 per violation
Sec. 98-11. Placement of wireless communications facilities within rights-of-way (c) Use of Rights-of-Way Permit	
(1) Permit Fee	\$25.00 for ROW Permit
(2) Annual Fee for Rights-of-way Use	No charge for WCF placement on existing City owned wireless support structure in City ROW \$220.00 for Placement of new wireless support structure/pole in City ROW \$220.00 for WCF placement on a third party/non-City wireless support structure/pole in City ROW
Sec. 98-12. Snow and ice removal from sidewalks in the public right-of-way.	
(c) Violations; penalties	\$50.00 per violation

<i>Article VI. Excavations</i>	
Sec. 98-253. Bond	Maximum of \$5,000.00 per opening
<i>Article VII. Parades</i>	
Sec. 98-303. Fee at the time of filing the application for a parade permit	\$10.00. This fee may be waived, in whole or in part, by the chief of police.

ADOPTED: May 12, 2025

SYNOPSIS

The ordinance amends Chapter 98, establishing a stricter timeline for snow and ice removal, requiring sidewalk(s) abutting the properties to be cleared within 24 hours after snowfall ends. All violations would receive a citation without a warning. These changes aim to improve pedestrian safety, maintain clean public spaces, and ensure compliance with city maintenance standards. Additionally, the ordinance amends the fees and fines for violations, including a \$50 fine for non-compliance with snow and ice removal.

(SPONSORS: NEIL AND HUGG)

Action History

05/12/2025 – Scheduled for Final Reading – City Council

04/08/2025 – Introduction – Council Committee of the Whole/ Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee with Staff Amendment #1

02/25/2025 – Council Committee of the Whole/ Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee