

# City of Dover

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2025-05

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

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4 That Chapter 98 – Streets, sidewalks, storm sewers, and other public places be amended by  
5 inserting the text indicated in bold, blue, and deleting the text indicated in red strikethrough as follows:  
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7 **Sec. 98-5. Duty of tenants or owners to maintain sidewalks and landscaped areas within the**  
8 **street right-of-way.**

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10 (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any premises abutting upon a sidewalk  
11 to permit or allow ~~snow or ice to remain thereon for longer than 12 hours of daylight~~  
12 ~~after it has ceased snowing, or to permit~~ debris or other materials to accumulate at any  
13 time so that pedestrians may conveniently and safely pass.  
14 (b) It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of any premises abutting upon a  
15 sidewalk to keep the landscaped area between the sidewalk and the curblin, or where  
16 no sidewalk exists between the property line and curblin or paved street, maintained  
17 in accordance with the standards set forth in chapter 114, article II, pertaining to weeds.  
18 (c) It shall be unlawful to sweep, blow, or otherwise discharge grass clippings into any  
19 street, sidewalk, storm drain, or water course more than incidental amounts of grass.  
20 (d) Violations; penalties. Any person(s) violating any provision of this section shall be  
21 fined as provided for in Appendix F—Fees and Fines.

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

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25 (a) **It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any premises to permit or allow**  
26 **sidewalk(s) abutting the property to accumulate snow or ice when 24 hours have**  
27 **passed since it has ceased snowing. The sidewalks must remain clear after the 24-**  
28 **hour period of the ceasing of snow.**  
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30 (b) **Warning; posting. Any property found to have snow or ice remaining on sidewalk(s)**  
31 **abutting property after 24 hours have passed since the cease of snow will receive an**  
32 **initial notice of violation via posting of notice by the code official. This notice**  
33 **provides 24 hours to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk.**  
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36 **(c) Violations; penalties. Any property owner who fails to keep the sidewalk(s) free**  
 37 **from snow and ice after 24 hours of the posting of the initial notice of violation will**  
 38 **be subject to penalties as provided in Appendix F- Fees and Fines.**

39 **Secs. 98-~~12-13~~—98-40. Reserved.**

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 41 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:**

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 43 That Appendix F -Fees and Fines, be amended by inserting the text indicated in bold, blue font  
 44 and deleting the text indicated in red strikeout as follows:  
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46 **Chapter 98. – Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places**

<b>Chapter 98. Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places</b>	<b>Fees and Fines</b>
<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
<b>Sec. 98-12. Snow and ice removal from sidewalks in the public right of way.</b>	
<b>(b) Warning; Posting</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>(c) Violations; penalties</b>	<b>\$100.00 per violation</b>
<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.

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**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 with a notice of violation issued if sidewalks remain uncleared after this period. Failure to comply after the notice results in penalties. 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 \$100 fine for non-compliance with snow and ice removal.

(SPONSORS:

Action History

02/11/2025 - Introduction – Council Committee of the Whole/ Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee