

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 16

Bill No. 76-25

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, September 2, 2025

Introduced and first read on September 2, 2025
Public Hearing set for October 6, 2025
Bill Expires December 6, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety – Sidewalks – Removal of Snow and Ice
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3 FOR the purpose of modifying the requirements for removal of snow and ice from
4 sidewalks; making failure to remove snow and ice from sidewalks as required a civil
5 offense and not a criminal offense; providing for exemptions from requirement to
6 remove snow and ice; and generally relating to crimes, civil offenses, and fines, and
7 public safety.

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9 BY repealing: § 9-1-710
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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12 BY renumbering: §§ 9-1-711 through 9-1-713, respectively, to be §§ 9-1-710 through
13 9-1-712, respectively
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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16 BY adding: § 12-7-110
17 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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19 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
20 That § 9-1-710 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) is hereby repealed.

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22 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That §§ 9-1-711 through 9-1-713, respectively,
23 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended), are hereby renumbered to be
24 §§ 9-1-710 through 9-1-712, respectively.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) that read as follows:

ARTICLE 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

TITLE 7. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12-7-110. Snow and ice on sidewalks.

(A) Applicability.

(1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SIDEWALKS ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IF ALL OWNERS, USERS, LESSEES, OR OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION ARE AGED 55 OR OLDER.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE BY WHICH PERSONS AGED 55 OR OLDER MAY APPLY AND BE GRANTED AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) Prohibition. OWNERS, USERS, LESSEES, OR OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING A PAVED SIDEWALK SHALL REMOVE SNOW OR ICE FROM A SIDEWALK FRONTING THE PROPERTY WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE END OF THE WEATHER EVENT RESULTING IN THE ACCUMULATION OF SNOW OR ICE.

(C) Enforcement.

(1) IF A COMPLAINT IS MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS 24 HOURS AFTER THE END OF THE WEATHER EVENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS WILL PROMPTLY INSPECT THE SITE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, AND, IF A VIOLATION IS FOUND, POST A REMINDER NOTICE IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE PROPERTY ABUTTING THE SIDEWALK ALLOWING AN ADDITIONAL 24 HOURS TO REMOVE THE SNOW OR ICE.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS SHALL RE-INSPECT THE SITE AFTER THE ADDITIONAL 24 HOURS, AND, IF THE SNOW AND ICE HAS NOT BEEN REMOVED, SHALL DEEM THE OWNERS, USERS, LESSEES, OR OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, OR ANY OF THEM, TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION AND POST A VIOLATION NOTICE IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE PROPERTY.

(3) IF, AFTER THE ADDITIONAL TIME PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (C)(1), SNOW OR ICE HAS NOT BEEN REMOVED, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY ARRANGE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE SNOW OR ICE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OWNER OF THE ABUTTING PROPERTY, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE REMOVAL. THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF REMOVAL OF SNOW OR ICE FROM THE SIDEWALK SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON THE ABUTTING PROPERTY AND SHALL BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES.

(D) Sanction for violation. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDY THE COUNTY MAY HAVE, A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION WITH RESPECT TO SIDEWALKS ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IS A CLASS E CIVIL OFFENSE, AND A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION WITH RESPECT TO SIDEWALKS ABUTTING ANY OTHER PROPERTY IS A CLASS D CIVIL OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION EXISTS IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

1 SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
2 from the date it becomes law.