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SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE ACTIVATED

Champaign - As of 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December, 26, 2017 the Public Works Director has declared that the sidewalk snow and ice removal requirement in the Downtown and Campustown areas is in effect.

Measurements indicate that our area received 3.2 inches of snow during the holiday weekend. In order to make the sidewalks safe for pedestrians, City Ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared 48 hours after the Public Works Director declaration. **The period for compliance begins 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Sidewalks need to be cleared by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 28, 2017.** Sidewalks must maintain a path the width of the sidewalk or 48", whichever is less. If an owner has property at a corner, the ramps must also be cleared to maintain a path from block to block. Sidewalks not in compliance could be cleared by the City at the owner's expense. The City appreciates the cooperation of property owners in making these sidewalks safe for pedestrians.

A map of the Downtown and Campustown areas and the Sidewalk Snow Removal Ordinance can be found on the City's website, champaignil.gov/snow

All residents and businesses are reminded not to place snow cleared from their property into City streets. This can create hazardous obstacles for vehicles. In addition, all residents and businesses are encouraged to clear sidewalks to allow for safer pedestrian and accessible travel. Residents and businesses along one of the identified Safe Routes to School are encouraged to keep their sidewalks clear for the safe passage of students and parents. Safe Route maps are located here <http://www.ccrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/safe-walking-final.pdf>