

7-4 Regulating Snow/Ice Removal from Sidewalks and Fire Hydrants

The owner, or the court appointed conservator or trustee, of any property within the Town of Stafford, shall be responsible for the snow removal on abutting sidewalk(s) and around abutting fire hydrant(s). Said snow/ice removal shall be accomplished within twenty-four (24) hours of the cessation of snowfall.

Anyone who violates the above ordinance shall be subject to a \$50.00 fine payable to the Town of Stafford for each 24-hour period that the sidewalk or fire hydrant is not cleared. Any Town of Stafford enforcement officer may impose said fine. Town of Stafford enforcement officers are any member of the Board of selectmen, and Connecticut State Police, any constable, certified or not certified, or the superintendent of highways, or any foreman of the Stafford Public Works Department.

In addition to the aforementioned fine, the First Selectman may have the sidewalk or fire hydrant cleared of snow and ice at the property owner's expense. If the property owner does not reimburse the town for the cost of the snow/ice removal, the town may place a lien on the subject property for the amount of the clean-up and administrative costs in the same manner as the filing of property tax liens.

An owner of the property may appeal the order or the fine to clear snow/ice from the sidewalk/ fire hydrant by contacting the Selectmen's Office and asking for a hearing on a forum provided for that purpose. The town-hearing officer shall hold a hearing as soon as possible at a time convenient for the property owner.

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