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Introduction: 3/10/26

Public Hearing: N/A

Adoption 04/14/26

**THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER, MARYLAND**

**ORDINANCE NO. 272**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER  
ENTITLED "GENERAL LEGISLATION",  
CHAPTER 182 ENTITLED "SNOW AND ICE",  
SECTION 182-1 ENTITLED "RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
REMOVAL", SUBSECTION A, AND SECTION 182-3 ENTITLED  
"VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES"**

**WHEREAS**, the Town has been experiencing recent circumstances where property owners abutting sidewalks have not been timely and adequately removing snow and ice from the sidewalks; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 182 as currently written imposes an obligation to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting only certain roads within the Town, and needs to be updated to reflect a general obligation to remove snow and ice from all streets and roads within the Town, due and owing to the fact that since enactment of current Chapter 182 the Town has grown; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, in order to better encourage snow and ice removal, increasing the penalties for failure to comply, which have not been updated in some time, is proposed herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has determined it to be in the best interests of the Town to enact these changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER:**

Section 1. That Sections of Chapter 182 entitled "Snow and Ice", Section 182-1 entitled "Responsibility for removal", Subsection A be and is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 182-1. Responsibility for removal.**

- A. All owners and persons in possession of any land or premises situated on any street, alley or highway within the limits of the Town where sidewalks have been or may hereafter be laid ~~which are contiguous to the corner of Main Street and York Street and Main Street and Westminster Street~~ shall remove the snow therefrom the entire length thereof for a width of at least three feet and may deposit the same along the remaining portion of said sidewalks nearest the curb ~~within 10 hours after it has ceased falling, unless the same~~

shall have fallen between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., in which case it Snow shall be removed before 6:00 p.m. the same next day.

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Section 2. That Sections of Chapter 182 entitled “Snow and Ice”, Section 182-3 entitled “Violations and penalties”, Subsection A be and is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 182-3. Violations and penalties.**

Any violation of the requirements of this chapter is declared to be an infraction, subject to a fine of \$~~50~~ 150 for the initial offense and \$~~100~~ 300 for each additional violation which occurs within a fiscal year.

Section 3: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable such that any provision found to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of law shall be severed from the remainder of this provisions of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY AFORESAID, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2026.

Introduced the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Enacted this 14 day of APRIL, 2026 by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Kelly J. Baldwin, Secretary

[Signature]  
Jenn Miller, Vice-President

Approved this 14 day of APRIL, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Kelly J. Baldwin, Secretary

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Melinda Smith, Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Thomas V. McCarron, Town Attorney