

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 23, 2016
TO: Town Council
FROM: Jeffrey D. Nutting, Town Administrator
RE: Chapter 147, Snow and Ice Removal

Chapter 147 of the Town Code requires owners of businesses that abut a public way to clear the sidewalks within 12 hours after a snow storm. This bylaw has not been enforced for a long time.

While I was not around in 1975 when the bylaw was adopted my guess is that it focused on the Downtown. Now with the businesses all along Route 140, the two industrial parks, Union Street, Kenwood Circle, Earls Way, West Central Street after 495, etc. it would seem impractical for each business to plow their section of the sidewalk. Does the Town Council want to consider repealing the by-law?

I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

cc: Mark Cerel, Town Attorney



TOWN OF FRANKLIN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

257 Fisher Street
Franklin, MA 02038

November 12, 2015

Mr. Jeffrey Nutting, Town Administrator
Town of Franklin
355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

Re: Chapter 147. Snow and Ice, Removal of

Dear Jeff,

On January 10th, 1975 the Franklin Town Council adopted a bylaw, Chapter 147, which requires that businesses remove snow and ice from the sidewalks that abut public way within a specific time frame or they may be fined. Specifically it states:

147-1. Time limit for Removal.

Owners of premises in which business may be conducted and which premises abut a public way shall, within 12 hours after a snowstorm, remove all accumulations of snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of said premises.

147-2. Violations and penalties.

Whoever violates the provision of § 147-1 above shall forfeit and pay for each violation a fine not exceeding \$25.

This bylaw has not been enforced in my tenure at DPW Director. I respectfully suggest that we come up with a plan for enforcement or remove it from the Town Code.

Thank you


Robert A. Cantoreggi
Director

CC: Deacon Perrotta, Director of Operations
Carlos Rebelo, Highway and Grounds Superintendent
Mark Cerel, Town Attorney
File



SIDEWALK PLOW ROUTES

~ Sidewalks: Business (8.2 miles)

~ Sidewalks: Residential*

■ Structure

~ Roadway

**Total mileage of
sidewalks currently
plowed by DPW
(business and
residential)
= 41 miles**

