

Chapter 32
TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS
Adopted, Special Town Meeting 8/8/00

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 1. Selectmen's authority to regulate sidewalks.

The Board of Selectmen shall have authority and shall make such regulations pertaining to public sidewalks, as they may deem necessary for the safety, convenience and protection of the public. (Town Meeting, 3-10-56, §2)

Sec. 2. Enforcement.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Skowhegan Police Department or other official duly appointed and authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

Sec. 3. Duty to remove snow, ice; duty to cover ice with sand, etc; penalty.

(a) The tenant or occupant of any store, shop, dwelling house, manufactory, hotel or other building or any vacant lot of land bordering upon any sidewalk on the business parts of Madison Avenue, Russell, Water, and Court Streets, and in case there shall be no tenant, the owner or any person having the care or control of any building or lot of land bordering upon the forenamed streets, after the ceasing to fall of any snow, if in the daytime within four (4) hours, and if in the nighttime before 10:00 A.M. of the following day, unless such following day be Sunday or a holiday, shall cause the same to be removed from such sidewalk.

This provision shall be construed to extend to the removing of snow falling from any roof upon such sidewalk; but no person shall be required to remove any snow as aforesaid on Sunday. Such tenant, occupant or owner, whenever ice has formed upon any sidewalk, as aforesaid, shall cause the same to be removed or to be properly covered or strewed with sand, ashes or other suitable substance in such a manner as to render such sidewalk safe and convenient for foot travelers.

(b) Any person, firm, partnership or corporation violating any provisions of this section shall be punishable upon conviction by a civil forfeiture not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any one offense. Each day of the violation shall constitute a separate offense.

State law reference - Authority to provide for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, 30-A M.R.S.A. §3001

Sec. 4. Extending awnings, signs over sidewalks; penalty.

The owner of any building adjoining the street may extend an awning or sign therefrom over the sidewalk to the outer edge thereof and not further; provided, that no part of the awning, sign or fixture shall be lower than seven (7) feet above the sidewalk, and any person who shall extend any awning or sign over any sidewalk in any other manner, without written permission from the municipal officers, shall be subject to a civil forfeiture not to exceed one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation.

Sec. 5. Maintaining tables, tents, booths, carriages in streets for sale or exhibition; penalty.

No person shall place or maintain any table, tent, booth, or stall, or any carriage or cart in any public street or way within the limits of the Town of Skowhegan for any sale or exhibition without first obtaining the written permission of the Town Manager or his/her designee. Violators of this section shall be subject to a civil forfeiture not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation.

Sec. 6 Transfer of merchandise over sidewalks.

On streets not otherwise restricted, merchandise may be transferred from or to trucks or other vehicles over the sidewalk by the use of skids or planks, only when reasonably necessary and provided the sidewalk is not unreasonably obstructed, and then only for such period of time as is necessary, and if the sidewalk and travel thereon is obstructed by skids or planks for an unreasonable time, any police officer in the course of his/her duty may order such skids or planks removed, and if not removed he may remove or cause to be removed, at the expense of the offender.

Cross reference - License and Business Regulations section 10-2.

Sec. 7. Riding bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades

No person shall ride a bicycle, skateboard or rollerblades on the following sidewalks Monday through Saturday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Water Street

- South side from the junction of Island Avenue to the easterly side of the veteran’s memorial.
- North side from the junction of Madison to the junction of North Ave.

Madison Avenue

- West side from the junction of Island Avenue to the junction of Elm Street.
- East side from the junction of Water Street to the junction of Russell Street (Commercial Street).

Russell Street (Commercial Street)

- South side from the junction of Water Street to the junction of Madison Avenue.
- North side from the junction of Court Street to the junction of Madison Avenue.

Court Street

- East side from the junction of Water Street to the junction of High Street.
- West side from the junction of Russell Street to the junction of High Street.

Bloomfield Bridge

- From the junction of the River View parking lot to the junction of Mt. Pleasant Avenue.

Penalty

- (A) For a first offense, the police officer shall issue a written warning to that person in violation of this section.
- (B) For a second or subsequent offense, any person in violation of this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) may be adjudged, or if the person consents, the police officer may seize and hold the bicycle, skateboard or rollerblades for a time not to exceed seven (7) days.

ARTICLE II. DRIVEWAYS

Sec. 8. Applicability.

- (a) This article shall only apply to State aid highways, State highways, and all accepted town ways within the limits of the Town of Skowhegan.
- (b) When such highways are being constructed or reconstructed by the Town of Skowhegan or the State of Maine, the provisions of this article will not apply.

Sec. 9. Permit required to build, construct; application for permit.

No person shall build or construct a driveway providing access to a street without first obtaining a permit from the municipal officers, and application for such permit shall be submitted in such form as required by the Town of Skowhegan.

Sec. 10. Construction, expense to be owner's responsibility; conformance with standards of workmanship.

All construction work on driveways within the street line shall be done by the property owner or occupant at his own expense and in conformance with proper standards of workmanship as prescribed by the municipal officers. (Town Meeting, 3-10-62, §1(B))

Sec. 11. Construction near intersection.

No driveway shall be built within fifty (50) feet of the intersection of two (2) street lines, except upon recommendation by the Town Manager and approval of the municipal officers.

Sec. 12. Number of driveways for same property.

Not more than two (2) driveways for the same property on the same street will be allowed per one hundred (100) feet of frontage. (Town Meeting, 3-10-62, § 1(F))

Sec. 13. Surfacing required.

Surfacing, such as cement or asphalt, shall be required for the paving within the street lines of all driveways constructed to serve commercial establishments in the compact limits of the Town. (Town Meeting, 3-10-62, §1(C))

Sec. 14. Moving, removal of drainage facilities.

Where driveways require the moving or removal of catch basins or other drainage facilities such change shall be made only upon approval of the Municipal Officers and at the expense of the applicant. (Town Meeting, 3-10-62, §1 (D))

Sec. 15. Altering grades of walks.

When constructing driveways, the grade of existing walks may be altered when such change will not adversely affect or damage adjoining walks and property, and then only at a grade set by the municipal officers. (Town Meeting, 3-10-62, §1(E))

Sec. 16. Width

The width of any driveway shall not exceed forty-two (42) feet at the curb, nor less than twenty (20) feet in width. (Town Meeting, 3-10-62, §1 (I))

Sec. 17. When safety islands required.

Where two (2) driveways are provided for the same property on the same street, a safety island of not less than ten (10) feet at the outer edge of the walk shall be provided. (Town Meeting, 3-10-62, §1(G))

Sec. 18. Penalty

Any person who builds or constructs a driveway providing access to a street without first obtaining a permit required by this article, or who otherwise violates the provisions of this article commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be adjudged. Each day that such driveway shall remain in violation of the provisions of this article shall constitute a separate offense.