

ORDINANCE NO. 249

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HEIDELBERG, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS AND ROOFS AND RESTRICTING THE DEPOSIT OF SNOW AND ICE DURING SNOW EVENTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HEIDELBERG.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of South Heidelberg, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the "Township"), and it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(a) Cartway. A portion of a street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.

(b) Person. A natural person, partnership, corporation, association, congregation or any other legal entity.

(c) Sidewalk. A portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a cartway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians.

(d) Street. The entire width between the boundary lines of a way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular traffic.

SECTION 2. Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks and Roofs.

(a) Responsibility for Removal of Snow, Ice, Hail, Sleet, and/or Frozen Precipitation From Sidewalks. Every person in charge or control of any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed or cleared away snow, ice, hail, sleet and/or frozen precipitation from a path of at least thirty inches (30") in width from so much of said sidewalk as is in front of or abuts on said building or lot of land.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (a)(2) of this Section 2, snow, ice, hail, sleet and/or frozen precipitation shall be removed from sidewalks within forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, hail, sleet, freezing rain and/or frozen precipitation.

(2) In the event snow, ice, hail, sleet and/or frozen precipitation on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without the likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person charged with its removal under this Ordinance shall, within the time mentioned in Subsection (a)(1) of this Section 2, cause enough sand or other abrasive to be deposited on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe; and shall, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause to be cleared a path in said sidewalk of at least thirty inches (30") in width.

