

ARTICLE I  
**Snow and Ice Removal**  
[Adopted 2-6-1961 by Ord. No. 231 (Ch. 126 of the 1982 Code). Amendments  
noted where applicable.]

**§ 480-1. Definitions.**

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

IMPROVED SIDEWALK — Any sidewalk the surface of which has been covered with cement, brick, flagstone, board, cinder, crushed stone, gravel or other similar material.

OWNERS, OCCUPANTS and TENANTS — Any individual, partnership, incorporated association, society or institution.

**§ 480-2. Removal by owner, occupant or tenant.**

- A. The owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting upon or alongside of any of the streets in the Borough of Newtown is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from all of the improved sidewalks in front of or alongside of such property all snow or ice thereon fallen or formed within eight hours after the same shall have ceased to fall or form, provided that snow or ice which has ceased to fall or to be formed after 6:00 p.m. of any evening may be removed at any time before 12:00 noon of the next day.
- B. The owner of a property shall be solely responsible for complying with the requirements hereof when the property is unoccupied or is occupied either by the owner alone or by the owner and tenants or occupants concurrently.
- C. The tenant or occupier shall be solely responsible when such property is occupied by such tenant or occupant only.
- D. The owner shall be solely responsible when the property is a multiple-business or multiple-dwelling property, occupied by more than one tenant or occupant.

**§ 480-3. Removal by Borough; costs.**

In any case where the owner, occupant or tenant as aforesaid shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of § 480-2 within the time limit prescribed therein, the Borough authorities may proceed immediately to clear all snow and/or ice from the sidewalk of such delinquents and to collect the expenses thereof, with any additional amount allowed by law, from such owner, occupant or tenant, as the case may be, which may be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed under § 480-4.

**§ 480-4. Violations and penalties.**

- A. Any owner, occupant or tenant who shall fail to remove any snow or ice from any sidewalk as required by § 480-2 shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, plus court costs

and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Borough in the enforcement proceedings. Upon judgment against any person by summary conviction, or by proceedings by summons on default of the payment of the fine or penalty imposed and the costs, the defendant may be sentenced and committed to the Borough correctional facility for a period not exceeding 10 days or to the county correctional facility for a period not exceeding 30 days. Each day that such violation exists shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this article that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense. In addition to or in lieu of enforcement under this section, the Borough may enforce this article in equity in the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County. **[Amended 7-13-1982 by Ord. No. 383; at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)]**

- B. Such fines and costs of prosecution may be in addition to any expenses and additional amounts authorized by law, imposed as provided in § 480-3.