

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **NUISANCE ASSESSMENT - SNOW/ICE REMOVAL**

BACKGROUND:

After a snowfall, abutting property owners have the responsibility of removing snow and ice accumulations from the sidewalks. According to the *Municipal Code*, owners shall remove these accumulations within 10 daylight hours after the storm has stopped. If, after that time, sidewalks remain uncleared, the City may remove accumulations and assess the actual cost of the removal to the property owner. This action is performed on a complaint basis. Once a complaint has been received, notice is given to the abutting property owner that the City will clear the sidewalks if the owner has not done so within 24 hours of that notice.

City staff has removed snow and/or ice at the property listed below. Also included in the list is the name and address of the property owners and the cost associated with the snow/ice removal. The work was completed, and a bill has been mailed to the individuals. To date, the bill has not been paid. A certified notice of this hearing was mailed to the property owners.

Philip and Teresa Propes	\$155.00
1008 Burnett Avenue	
Ames, IA 50010	
Snow/ice removal for property located at 1008 Burnett Avenue	
Date of Service: February 11, 2015	

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can adopt a resolution assessing the cost of the snow/ice removal to the property owners shown above. The Finance Director will then prepare a spread sheet on this assessment, and the City Clerk's Office will file the assessment with the Story County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes, as provided for by the *Code of Iowa*.
2. The City Council can choose not to certify the cost to the County Treasurer and, instead, absorb the cost.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The property owners failed to clear their sidewalk even after receiving notice to do so, and have neglected to pay the cost incurred by the City in making their sidewalk safe for public use.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby assessing the cost of the snow/ice removal to the property owners shown above.