

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 properties 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 bills have not been paid. A certified notice of this hearing was mailed to the property owners.

Thomas and Anna Bolduc \$270.00
2317 Storm Street
Ames, IA 50014
Snow/ice removal for property located at 2317 Storm Street
Date of Service: January 5, 2016

Ivan Hanthorn \$135.00
1417 Glendale Avenue
Ames, IA 50010
Snow/ice removal for property located at 1417 Glendale Avenue
Date of Service: January 15, 2016

William Heinzig \$165.00
821 Grand Avenue
Ames, IA 50010
Snow/ice removal for property located at 821 Grand Avenue
Date of Service: February 17, 2016

Heather Rennerfeldt \$175.00
Gary & Anna Rennerfeldt
2126 Greeley Street
Ames, IA 50014
Snow/ice removal for property located at 2126 Greeley Street
Date of Service: December 30, 2015

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can adopt a resolution assessing the costs of the snow/ice removal to the property owners shown above. The Finance Director will then prepare a spread sheet on these assessments, 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 costs to the County Treasurer and, instead, absorb the costs.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The property owners failed to clear their sidewalks even after receiving notice to do so, and have neglected to pay the costs 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 costs of the snow/ice removal to the property owners shown above.