## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

## SUBJECT: NUISANCE ASSESSMENTS - SNOW/ICE REMOVAL

## BACKGROUND:

After a snowfall, abutting property owners have the responsibility to remove 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 are the names and addresses of the property owners and the costs associated with the snow/ice removal. The work was completed, and bills have been mailed to these individuals. To date, the bills have not been paid. A certified notice of this hearing was mailed to the property owners.

Michael \& April Marvin
$\$ 340.00$ 1235 Michigan Avenue
Ames, IA 50014
Snow/ice removal for property located at 1235 Michigan Avenue
Work performed on February 4, 2022
Terra Ann Jenson
\$242.50
1232 Northwestern Avenue
Ames, IA 50010
Snow/ice removal for property located at 1232 Northwestern Avenue
Work performed on February 4, 2022
Colin Wong
$\$ 240.00$
6001 Thomaston Road, \#1306
Macon, GA 31220
Snow/ice removal for property located at 1423 Ridgewood Avenue Work performed on February 4, 2022

Riverbirch-Maple-Phoenix-Ames LLC
\$185.00
134 N. Lasalle Street, Suite 1950
Chicago, IL 60602
Snow/ice removal for property located at 201 S. $5^{\text {th }}$ Street, \#205
Work performed on February 4, 2022

DM Properties
3038 Sidco Drive
Nashville, TN 37204
Snow/ice removal for property located at 524 Lincoln Way
Work performed on February 4, 2022

## ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt a resolution assessing the costs of the snow/ice removal to the property owners shown on the above list. The Finance Director will then prepare a spread sheet on these assessments, and the City Clerk's Office will file the assessments with the Story County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes as provided for by the Code of lowa.
2. Do not certify these costs to the County Treasurer and instead, absorb the costs.

## CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

To ensure sidewalks remain safe for public use, Municipal Code places responsibility to clear snow and ice from sidewalks upon the abutting property owners. Complaints were received regarding these properties, and notice was provided to the property owners to comply with the snow and ice removal requirements. However, these property owners failed to clear their sidewalks even after receiving notice to do so. The property owners have been billed for the costs but have not paid. Under lowa law, the costs may be assessed to the properties on their property tax bills.

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.

