

ITEM #: 34
DATE: 06-11-24
DEPT: FIRE

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, except in a proactive enforcement area designated by the City Council. The boundaries of the proactive enforcement area are Ash Avenue on the east; Lincoln Way on the north; Sheldon Avenue and Hayward Avenue on the west; and Storm Street on the south. When violations are observed in this area (or when complaints are received for sidewalks outside the proactive enforcement area), 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 is the name and address of the property owners and the cost 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.

Carl & David Galland \$186.00
1010 Arizona Avenue
Ames, IA 50014

- Snow/ice removal for property located at 1010 Arizona Avenue
Work performed on January 25, 2024

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the assessment of costs for snow/ice removal to the property owners shown on the above list. The Finance Director will then prepare a spreadsheet 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. Do not certify these costs to the County Treasurer and instead absorb the costs.

CITY 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 sidewalks safe for public use. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.