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Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Beverly as follows:

Chapter 215, § 215-12 **“Placing or depositing snow or ice into streets or sidewalks”** is amended as follows:

- (1) Inserting the phrase **“Snow and Ice Removal”** into the name of the section as follows: **“Snow and Ice Removal and Placing or depositing snow or ice into streets or sidewalks”**;

- (2) Designating the existing provision of section 215-12 as section **“(a)”** and inserting the following language at the end of the section: **“or in such a way as to obstruct the access to or the operation of any fire hydrant”** so that the revised section reads as follows:
 - (a) No person shall place or deposit any ice or snow on any street or sidewalk, or in such a way as to obstruct the access to or the operation of any fire hydrant.

(3) Inserting a new section 215-12 **“(b)”** as follows:

(b) Snow And Ice Removal

- (i) The the owner of any building, structure or lot of land abutting upon any sidewalk, including any curb ramp/cut, unless otherwise granted an exemption, shall, after the ceasing of snowfall, if in the daytime within six hours, and if in the nighttime before 1:00 pm the following day, cause the snow to be removed therefrom. The preceding provision shall apply to snow which falls from buildings as well as to that which falls from the clouds.

- (ii) The owner of any building, structure, or lot of land abutting on any sidewalk, including any curb ramp/cut, any portion of which is encumbered by ice, within six hours after the sidewalk becomes encumbered with ice, shall, unless otherwise granted an exemption, cause such sidewalk to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice therefrom, or by keeping the same covered with sand or some other suitable substance.
- (iii) Violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00. If the violation continues, each subsequent 24-hour period shall constitute a separate offense and be subject to a fine in the amount of \$25.00.
- (iv) The Department of Municipal Inspections shall be the enforcement agent, with the assistance of the Beverly Police Department.
- (v) The Commissioner of Public Works shall have the authority to extend the timeframes set forth in subsections (i) and (ii) in the event that severe weather conditions warrant such. Any such extension shall not exceed six hour without the approval of the Mayor.

(c) Exemptions

Individuals may be granted an exemption from the requirements of this section upon the submission of a form to the City attesting that (1) they are unable to perform snow and ice removal as required herein because they (a) are over the age of 65 or (b) physical health reasons prevent them from doing so, and, (2) due to financial hardship they are unable to hire someone to do so. Any such exemption must be renewed annually.