## BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORDINANCE NO. <u>9</u> OF 2022

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STREET AND SIDEWALKS ARTICLE II. SNOW REMOVAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO, BOROUGH CODE § 183, seq.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mount Pocono adopted a Street and Sidewalks Article II. Snow Removal Code, which is codified at Borough Code §183, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council seeks to amend the Ordinance as specified below,

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the Authority granted the Borough by the Pennsylvania Borough Code, the above referenced Ordinance is amended as follows:

- 1. § 183-7. Snow removal required within a certain time.
  - A. All owners or persons having care of any property bordering any street, highway or public place within the Borough of Mount Pocono, in the County of Monroe and State of Pennsylvania (hereinafter called the "Borough") is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from all the sidewalks in front of or alongside such property all snow or ice thereon fallen or formed within 24 hours after the same shall have ceased to fall or to from any cause whatsoever:
    - a. Remove or cause to be removed all snow or ice from the physical building to the curb for the length of the sidewalk of the entire border in or on said street, highway, or public place, including from any pedestrian access ramps cut into street curbs bordering said property and, for corner lots, from the portion(s) of the sidewalk extending past the property to and including the street curb, and provide for the treatment of any snow or ice remaining on any shoveled sidewalk, with sand, salt or other suitable material;
    - b. Remove or cause to be removed all snow or ice from around any fire hydrant on the sidewalk bordering said property; and
    - c. Remove or cause to be removed all snow or ice from the opening of any catch basin bordering the sidewalk of said property. The property owner is solely responsible for compliance to this ordinance whether or not they occupy the building and property. In a case, where the lot is empty, the property owner(s) shall still be responsible for compliance to this ordinance.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to push, pile or place snow or ice so that it unreasonably obstructs or blocks driveways or streets or blocks the visibility of motorists or otherwise creates a dangerous condition for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. In the event that the snow and/or ice accumulation becomes so hard that it cannot be removed by means of a snow shovel, or similar device, then the owner, occupant or tenant of such property shall, within the time set forth in § 183-7.A above, abide by the rules of the emergency declaration cause enough cinder, sand or other similar abrasive to be out on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe, and shall, as soon as weather permits, cause to be cleared a pathway as described in § 183-7.A above.

## § 183-8. Borough may remove snow and charge expenses.

In any case where the owner, occupant or tenant, as aforesaid, shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of § 183-7.A of this article within the time limit prescribed therein, the Borough authorities may proceed immediately to clear all snow and/or ice from the sidewalk of such owner,

occupant or tenant, and to collect the expenses thereof, with any additional amount allowed by law, from such owner, occupant or tenant, as the case may be, which may be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed under § 183-9 of this article.

## § 183-9. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be assessed a civil penalty as follows:

First offense: \$100 Second offense: \$250 Third offense: \$375

Fourth offense and every subsequent offense: \$500 plus a court filing fee. Every day that a violation of this article continues shall constitute a separate offense. If the property owner has resolved a violation but is found to be in violation again this shall be treated as a new offense. This article shall be enforced by the Borough Codes Enforcement/Zoning Officer or other designee of the Borough of Mount Pocono.

2. This Amendment shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Approved by Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Pocono this 6 day of December 2022.

MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
By: Dell SHO
Donald Struckle, Borough Council President

ATTEST:

Joshua Walker, Borough Manager/Secretary

By:

Randy Altemose, Mayor of the Borough of Mt. Pocono