

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 16

Bill No. 76-25

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, September 2, 2025

Introduced and first read on September 2, 2025
Public Hearing set for and held on October 6, 2025
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on October 20, 2025
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on November 3, 2025
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on November 17, 2025
Public Hearing on AMENDED bill set for and held on December 1, 2025
Bill Expires December 6, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety – Sidewalks – Removal of Snow and Ice
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3 FOR the purpose of defining “fronting”; modifying the requirements for removal of snow
4 and ice from sidewalks; making failure to remove snow and ice from sidewalks as
5 required a civil offense and not a criminal offense; providing for exemptions from
6 requirement to remove snow and ice; and generally relating to crimes, civil offenses,
7 and fines, and public safety.
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9 BY repealing: § 9-1-710
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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12 BY renumbering: §§ 9-1-711 through 9-1-713, respectively, to be §§ 9-1-710 through
13 9-1-712, respectively
14 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)
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16 BY adding: § 12-7-110
17 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.
Underlining indicates matter added to bill by amendment.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter removed from bill by amendment.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
That § 9-1-710 of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That §§ 9-1-711 through 9-1-713, respectively,
of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended), are hereby renumbered to be
§§ 9-1-710 through 9-1-712, respectively.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County
Code (2005, as amended) that read as follows:

ARTICLE 12. PUBLIC SAFETY

TITLE 7. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

12-7-110. Snow and ice on sidewalks.

(A) Definitions.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, "FRONTING" MEANS FACING THE ROAD THAT
PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY, FACING SIDE LOT LINES, AND FACING CORNER SIDE
LOT LINES.

(A)(B) Applicability.

~~(1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SIDEWALKS ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY IF ALL OWNERS, USERS, LESSEES, OR OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
THIS SECTION ARE AGED 55 70 OR OLDER.~~

~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS SHALL ESTABLISH A
PROCEDURE BY WHICH PERSONS AGED 55 70 OR OLDER MAY APPLY AND BE GRANTED AN
EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.~~

(1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PROPERTY OWNED BY
A GOVERNMENT ENTITY.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS MAY WAIVE OR DECREASE
ANY FINE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

~~(B)(C) **Prohibition.** OWNERS, USERS, LESSEES, OR OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY
ABUTTING A PAVED SIDEWALK SHALL REMOVE SNOW OR ICE FROM A SIDEWALK
FRONTING THE PROPERTY WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE END OF THE WEATHER EVENT
RESULTING IN THE ACCUMULATION OF SNOW OR ICE WITHIN:~~

(1) 24 HOURS IF THE ACCUMULATION OF SNOW OR ICE IS LESS THAN THREE INCHES;
OR

(2) 48 HOURS IF THE ACCUMULATION OF SNOW OR ICE IS THREE INCHES OR
GREATER.

(C)(D) Enforcement.

(1) IF A COMPLAINT IS MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS
24 HOURS AFTER THE END OF THE WEATHER EVENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS
AND PERMITS WILL PROMPTLY INSPECT THE SITE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS,

1 AND, IF A VIOLATION IS FOUND, POST A REMINDER NOTICE IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION
2 ON THE PROPERTY ABUTTING THE SIDEWALK ALLOWING AN ADDITIONAL 24 HOURS TO
3 REMOVE THE SNOW OR ICE.

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5 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS SHALL RE-INSPECT THE SITE
6 AFTER THE ADDITIONAL 24 HOURS, AND, IF THE SNOW AND ICE HAS NOT BEEN REMOVED,
7 SHALL DEEM THE OWNERS, USERS, LESSEES, OR OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, OR ANY
8 OF THEM, TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION AND POST A VIOLATION NOTICE IN A
9 CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE PROPERTY.

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11 (3) IF, AFTER THE ADDITIONAL TIME PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (C)(1), SNOW
12 OR ICE HAS NOT BEEN REMOVED, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY ARRANGE
13 FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE SNOW OR ICE ~~AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OWNER OF THE~~
14 ~~ABUTTING PROPERTY, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED~~
15 ~~WITH THE REMOVAL. THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF REMOVAL OF SNOW OR ICE FROM THE~~
16 ~~SIDEWALK SHALL CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON THE ABUTTING PROPERTY AND SHALL BE~~
17 ~~COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW FOR THE COLLECTION OF~~
18 ~~TAXES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OWNER OF THE ABUTTING PROPERTY, WHICH SHALL~~
19 ~~INCLUDE ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE REMOVAL. THE COSTS AND~~
20 ~~EXPENSES OF REMOVAL OF SNOW OR ICE FROM THE SIDEWALK SHALL CONSTITUTE A~~
21 ~~LIEN ON THE ABUTTING PROPERTY AND SHALL BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS~~
22 PROVIDED FOR BY LAW FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES.

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24 ~~(D)(E)~~ **Sanction for violation.** IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REMEDY THE COUNTY MAY
25 HAVE, A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION WITH RESPECT TO SIDEWALKS ABUTTING
26 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IS A CLASS E CIVIL OFFENSE, AND A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION
27 WITH RESPECT TO SIDEWALKS ABUTTING ANY OTHER PROPERTY IS A CLASS D CIVIL
28 OFFENSE. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION EXISTS IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE. MAY RESULT IN
29 A FINE OF UP TO \$50, AND A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION WITH RESPECT TO SIDEWALKS
30 ABUTTING ANY OTHER PROPERTY MAY RESULT IN A FINE OF UP TO \$125.

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32 SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
33 from the date it becomes law.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: October 6 & 20, and November 3 & 17, 2025

READ AND PASSED this 1st day of December, 2025

By Order:



Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 2nd day of December, 2025



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Administrative Officer

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APPROVED AND ENACTED this 5th day of December, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Pittman", with a stylized, flowing script.

Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 19, 2026

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 76-25 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Schultze', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer