

**BOROUGH OF SYKESVILLE**  
**ORDINANCE NO 414 OF 2012**

No person owning or occupying any property within the Borough abutting sidewalks and/or walkways, shall permit the accumulation of snow, ice, mud and obstructions of any kind or character which may endanger the safety of pedestrians using said sidewalks or walkways. Any accumulation of snow, ice, mud and obstructions of any kind or character upon the sidewalks or walkways within the Borough determined to be a violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health and safety of the inhabitants of the Borough.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Council of the Borough of Sykesville:

Section 1. All persons, corporations, copartnerships or associations, of every kind or character whatsoever, owning or occupying any real estate, shall maintain sidewalks or walkways abutting on the properties or lands owned or occupied by said persons. The said owners or occupiers of said land shall, at their own expense, maintain the same, and keep the same free and clear of all obstructions, as hereinafter prescribed.

Section 2. Said sidewalks or walkways within the Borough shall be kept free of snow, ice, mud and obstructions of any kind of character, between the property line and the outer edge of the sidewalk. Property owners or occupants of properties abutting sidewalks within the Borough shall be permitted twenty-four (24) hours within which to remove the accumulation of snow, ice, mud and obstructions of any kind or character from the time such accumulation commences.

Section 3. In case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 2 for the removal of snow, ice, mud and obstructions from sidewalks within the twenty-four (24) hour time period set forth therein, the Borough Authorities may remove or cause to be removed any obstructions from said sidewalks, and the cost thereof, together with any additional penalty authorized by law, may be collected by the Borough from such person in the manner provided by law. The Borough Secretary shall promptly present to the violator of this chapter a bill for the costs of removal of snow and ice. If not paid within thirty (30) days, in the case of a property owner, the cost thereof shall be assessed against the property and become a lien thereon, collectible in the same manner as delinquent Borough taxes. In the event that Borough Authorities remove, or cause to be removed, any snow, ice, mud or other obstruction from a sidewalk pursuant to this Section 3, the Borough shall not be limited in prosecuting the violating person under the provisions of Section 4 of this Ordinance declaring a violation of the requirements of this ordinance to be a summary offense and setting forth the penalties therefore.

Section 4. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not more than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars and

costs of such proceedings or, upon default of payment of such fine and costs, by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than ninety (90) days; provided, however, that if the Magisterial District Judge determines that the defendant is without the financial means to pay the fines and costs immediately or in a single remittance, such defendant shall be permitted to pay the fines or costs in installments and over such periods of time as the Magisterial District Judge deems to be just. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5. All ordinances inconsistent herewith, or contrary hereto, are hereby repealed.

ENACTED and ORDAINED as an Ordinance by the Council of the Borough of Sykesville, in lawful session duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.**

ATTEST:

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Secretary

  
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President

Passed by Council of the Borough of Sykesville on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.