



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Administration and Finance

Item: Sidewalk Snow Removal Assessments for fiscal year 2021

Date: August 21, 2020

Sponsor(s): Marty Rehbein

Prepared by: same

Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Consider a resolution

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: (Adopt/Deny) a resolution levying a special assessment and tax upon property for annual sidewalk/snow removal assessments to reimburse the city for removal of snow removal performed in 2020 in the total amount of \$1,360.00 pursuant to sections 12.16.030 and 12.16.040 Missoula Municipal Code.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	August 24, 2020
Committee discussion:	August 26, 2020
Council action (or sets hearing):	September 14 2020
Public Hearing:	n/a
Deadline:	September 14, 2020

Background and Alternatives Explored:

By law, property owners are responsible to clear snow and ice from their walks. This past winter, the City received a number of complaints about snow and ice on sidewalks located in the public right-of-way. When City Staff receive a complaint, they inspect the property in question, and if they find the complaint is valid, they leave notice at the property to clear the walk. If the property is a vacant lot, the inspector contacts the property owner. If the snow and ice isn't removed in the time outlined in the notice, City crews are dispatched to clear the walk, and City Staff send the property owner an invoice. If the property owner doesn't pay the invoice, city ordinance and state law allow the city council to collect the debt through a property tax assessment.

During the past year, several properties didn't pay the invoices for sidewalk snow removal. They are listed in Exhibit A.

Financial Implications:

If the expenses are not levied and assessed, there will be a shortage in the snow program budget

Links to external websites:

n/a