

NEW BALTIMORE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Chapter 48

Sections 48-116 thru 48-125

DIVISION 2. CLEARING SIDEWALKS

Sec. 48-116. Required.

The occupant of every lot or premises adjoining any street or the owner of such lot or premises, if the lot or premises are not occupied, shall clear and keep cleared all sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises from snow, ice, filth and other obstructions.

(Code 1981, S 4.61)

Sec. 48-117. Failure to clear.

If any occupant or owner of any lot or premises shall neglect or fail to clear ice, snow, filth or other obstructions from the sidewalk adjoining his premises for a period of 24 consecutive hours or more, such occupant or owner shall be guilty of and/or responsible for a violation of this division and, in addition, the mayor, administrative assistant or superintendent of the department of public service may cause such sidewalk to be cleared. The expense of clearing shall become a debt owed to the city from the occupant or owner of such premises. If such debt shall not be promptly paid to the city upon written demand by the city, such debt may be collected as a single lot assessment in accordance with the Charter or by any other lawful means.

(Code 1981, S 4.62; Ord. No. 99, S 1, 1-14-2002)

Sec. 48-118. Snow defined.

As used in sections 48-116 and 48-117, the term "snow" shall mean a snowfall of one inch in depth or more.

(Code 1981, S 4.63)

Secs. 48-119--48-124. Reserved.

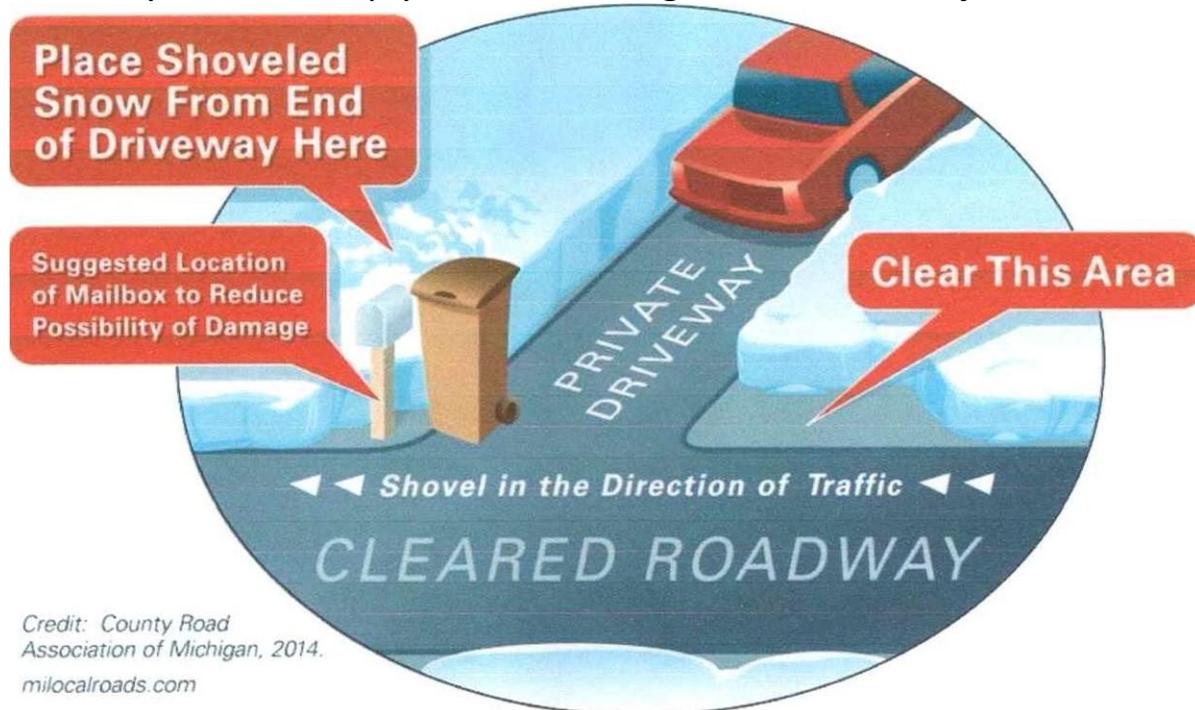
Editor's note: Ord. No. 110, S 1, adopted Nov. 25, 2002, repealed SS 4.64--4.69 of Ord. No. 56, which pertained to an operator's license for snow plows and had been codified in this volume as SS 48-119--48-124. Said provisions had been previously codified in the 1981 Code as SS 4.64--4.69.

Sec. 48-125. Obstruction caused by snow or ice removal.

It shall be unlawful for any person, whether licensed or not, to place or to permit to be placed or remain any accumulation of snow or ice caused or the direct result of moving, removing or plowing of any snow or ice on any public street or thoroughfare within the city which obstructs the view at a height of more than four feet. **No snow or ice shall be deposited at intersections. Snow or ice removed from private property shall be deposited on those premises.** Fire hydrants shall be kept free of snow and ice at all times. (Code 1981, S 4.70)

Avoid the "Second Shovel"

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in when your local snowplow comes through? Clearing an area to the right of your driveway (as seen in the diagram below), giving the snow on the plow a place to go other than your driveway, should keep you from having to do the same job twice.



It is illegal under Michigan law to shovel or plow snow or ice onto any road or highway. If you must plow across the road, please don't leave a hazardous situation in the road. The snow piled up will freeze and cause problems for the plow drivers as well as other vehicles that may hit it.

It is also illegal to deposit snow on a road or road shoulder in a way that blocks motorists' view of traffic. Pushing snow from a driveway or parking lot onto a road, or depositing snow in a way that blocks a driver's "safety vision" is specifically prohibited in the Michigan Vehicle Code. Doing so is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and/or a jail sentence of up to 90 days.