

**WEST NORRITON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-784**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS PART 2 NUISANCE CONDITIONS ON SIDEWALKS AND STREETS FOR WEST NORRITON MUNICIPAL CODE; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, West Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter “the Township”) is a Township organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the accumulation of snow and ice on sidewalks creates hazardous conditions for pedestrians, including children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and other members of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated snow and ice increase the risk of slips, falls, and injuries, thereby posing a threat to public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, property owners whose property abuts public sidewalks are in the best position to ensure the timely removal of snow and ice from such sidewalks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds that requiring the removal of snow and ice within a specified time period following a snowfall or ice event is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the West Norriton Township Board of Commissioners, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of same as follows:

**SECTION I: Amendment to Chapter 21, Part 2 titled “Nuisance Conditions on Sidewalks and Streets.”**

The Township hereby amends Chapter 21, Streets and Sidewalks, Part 2 Nuisance Conditions on Sidewalks and Streets as follows:

**§204. Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks**

#### A. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by ensuring the timely removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting private property and by preventing conditions that constitute a public nuisance or hazard within the Township.

#### B. Responsibility for Snow and Ice Removal

1. The owner, occupant, tenant, or person in charge of any property abutting a public sidewalk shall be responsible for the removal of snow and ice from such sidewalk.
2. Where property is occupied by a tenant, the property owner and tenant shall be jointly and severally responsible, unless a written lease expressly assigns responsibility to one party.

#### C. Time Requirements

1. Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of snowfall or freezing precipitation.
2. During prolonged or repeated snowfall events, reasonable and continuous efforts shall be made to keep sidewalks passable and safe.

#### D. Width and Condition of Cleared Sidewalk

1. A continuous, unobstructed pedestrian path of not less than thirty (30) inches in width shall be cleared.
2. Ice shall be removed or treated with salt, sand, or other suitable materials to prevent slipping hazards.
3. Snow and ice shall not be piled or deposited in a manner that obstructs sidewalks, curb ramps, storm drains, intersections, or sight distance.

#### E. Prohibited Snow Placement

No person shall place snow or ice on any public street or roadway. Enforcement shall be in conjunction with the Township's snow-on-roadway provisions.

#### F. Public Nuisance Declaration

Failure to remove snow and ice as required by this ordinance is declared a public nuisance and may be enforced in conjunction with the Township's public nuisance provisions.

#### G. Enforcement and Township Abatement

The Township may issue violations, perform removal, and recover costs through municipal claims or liens as permitted by law.

#### H. Penalties

Violations are subject to fines between \$50.00 and \$1000.00 per day plus costs of prosecution. Each day constitutes a separate offense.

I. Exceptions

Roads and emergency access areas will be priorities for the Township during any snow event. Therefore, the 24-hour rule shall not apply to Township owned sidewalks.

**SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.**

The terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and, should any portion, part or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, West Norriton Township Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3: REPEALER.**

Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

**SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**ATTEST:**

**WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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**Jason Bobst**, Township Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Roseanne Milazzo**, President