

VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE

LOCAL LAW 6 OF 1987

A local law **Imposing Obligations to Keep Sidewalks Free From Defects and Obstructions**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge as follows:

Section 1. Legislative intent.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chestnut Ridge finds that it is in the interests of the public health, comfort, safety, convenience and welfare of the residents of the Village that sidewalks be kept clean and free from snow and ice and other obstructions.

Section 2. Removal of snow and ice.

All persons shall keep the sidewalks in front of the premises owned or occupied by them clean and free from snow and ice. Said persons shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of the premises owned or occupied by them within eight (8) daylight hours after the termination of a snowfall.

Section 3. Duty to keep sidewalks free from defects.

All persons shall keep the sidewalks in front of the premises owned or occupied by them free of all defects and obstructions. Said owner or occupant shall repair all defects and remove all obstructions from the sidewalks in front of said premises immediately.

Section 4. Failure to remove or repair.

In all cases where the owner or occupant of property fails, neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions of this local law, the Mayor shall have authority to cause such snow and ice to be removed or sidewalk repairs to be made or obstructions to be removed and the Deputy Mayor shall certify the cost of such removal or repair to the Board of Trustees and said costs of removal or repair shall become a lien on such lands and shall be added to and become a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected and enforced in the same manner.

Section 5. Violations and penalties.

- a. Any person who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this local law shall be guilty of a violation of this local law. In addition to any other remedy herein provided, each and every violation of this local law shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars or a sentence of imprisonment not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate violation.

- b. In addition to all other remedies provided for herein the Board of Trustees may also enforce obedience to this local law by injunction or by any other remedy available to it by virtue of the judicial process.

Section 6. Enforcement.

The Mayor and the Code Enforcement Officer of the Village of Chestnut Ridge shall each have authority to issue appearance tickets for violations of any of the provisions of this local law.

Section 7. Severability.

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this local law which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 8. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect as of 12:01 a.m. June 1, 1987.