Town Council
Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 6.c.

Agenda Item: **Ordinance 25-O-28 to amend Chapter 66 (STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES), Article I (In General), to add a new section 66-1.1 (Duty of property owners and tenants to remove snow from sidewalks)**

Meeting Date: November 12, 2025

Category: General

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Description:
As requested by and briefed to the Town Council, the code amendment will provide guidance and clarification to property owners and tenants regarding sidewalk snow removal.

Background:
The Department of Public Works operations division has provided snow removal to specific areas throughout town over the years,with the priority focused on clearing and opening roadways. The code amendment will provide clarity to citizens regarding responsibility for snow removal that has been somewhat unclear.

At the September 9, 2025 work session, the Town Council discussed Sidewalk Snow Removal Operations and directed staff to prepare a proposed resolution for consideration.

Timing Impact:
Consideration and approval of this amendment now allows time for preparation and implementation after the first snowfall of the upcoming winter season.

Strategic Focus Area:
Thriving Community
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:
Under certain circumstances outlined in the code amendment, the town may clear the snow and collect the costs from the owner or tenant of the property in question in any manner provided by law for the collection of local taxes.

Legal Impact:
Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Town Council approval is required to amend the Town Code.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as proposed.

Attachments:
1. Ordinance (Proposed)