TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Ordinance- **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)**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia that:

1. The following sections or provisions of the Herndon Town Code (2000), as amended, are amended as follows:

CHAPTER 66

(STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES)

Article I. – In General

Sec. 66-1. - Obstructing streets and sidewalks.

Except as may otherwise be provided by this Code or resolution of the town council adopted pursuant to general law for the placement of improvements in a public right-of-way for a public purpose or the temporary closing of streets for other than public purposes, no person shall obstruct a street or sidewalk by placing or permitting thereon any bench, carton, barrel, box, cart, vehicle, merchandise, snow or ice from private land used for commercial purposes, or other article or fixture whatsoever, whether for exhibition, sale, or other purposes.

Section 66-1.1. - Duty of property owners and tenants to remove snow from sidewalks.

(a) Within twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall, each property owner shall remove the snow from the sidewalk abutting his or her property. If the property is rented, the tenant shall remove the snow.

(b) If snow is not removed from an abutting sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours of a snowfall, the town manager or the manager's designee may post on the property notice that the town will clear the sidewalk at the owner or tenant's expense if the sidewalk is not cleared in twenty-four (24) hours.

(c) If the snow is not removed from the sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours after notice is delivered, 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.

Decisions to clear snow from sidewalks in this manner shall be based on established pedestrian travel priorities identified by the town manager's office.

2. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the date of its adoption.