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Streets and Sidewalks

§ 65-1. Obstruction of Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Ways Prohibited.

No person shall place any obstruction of any kind or nature in or upon any of the streets, squares, alleys or lanes within the corporate limits of the Town of Church Hill, whereby free passage through said streets, squares, lanes or alleys is obstructed or hindered or the use of said ways is obstructed.

§ 65-2. Maintenance of Sidewalks.

The owner of any lot or premises in the Town fronting on or abutting any sidewalk shall maintain such sidewalk in a state of good repair and in a safe condition for pedestrian travel. Prior to making any repairs to such sidewalk, the owner must first obtain the approval of the Town.

§ 65-3. Failure to Comply; Work by Town; Assessment of Costs.

A. If the owner of any lot or premises in the Town fronting on or abutting any sidewalk shall fail to maintain such sidewalk in good repair and safe condition for pedestrian use, the Town Administrator shall send a notice by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to such owner or owners at the address provided in the property tax records of Queen Anne's County, advising the owner of such property of his obligation to repair such sidewalk within fifteen days of the date of receipt of the notice.

B. If the addressee of the notice required by Subsection A of this section shall fail to accept delivery of the notice sent by Certified Mail, the Town administrator shall post such notice upon such property, in a manner reasonably intended to come to the attention of the owner or occupant thereof. In the event that notice is posted in accordance with this Section, such notice shall be deemed received by the owner on the date of posting.

C. If the owner of a lot or premises fails to repair the sidewalk in accordance with the notice sent or posted pursuant to Subsections A or B of this Section within the time specified therein, the Commissioners of Church Hill may proceed to repair the sidewalk and assess the cost therefor against the property and collect it in the same manner that other taxes are collected.

§ 65-4. Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks.

The owner of any property in the Town fronting on or abutting a sidewalk shall remove all snow and ice from said sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours following the cessation of a snowfall, freezing rain, or sleet storm.

§ 65-5. Action Upon Noncompliance.

In the event that any person, persons or body corporate responsible for the removal of snow or ice from the sidewalk shall fail to remove such snow or ice as provided in this article, the Town shall be authorized to remove snow or ice from the sidewalk over or adjoining a person's lot or parcel of land, and the cost or expense thereof shall be billed to the owner of the lot or parcel of land, and upon failure of the owner to pay such bill, the same shall be included in the next bill for real property taxes levied by the Town upon the owner of the lot or parcel of land, and the same shall be collectible as though the bill were a part of the taxes levied on said property.

§ 65-6. Violations and Penalties.

A violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be a Municipal Infraction, subject to a fine of \$50.

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