



Update on Sidewalks

On September 24, 2018 the Kalamazoo Township Board of Trustees amended the Township's sidewalk ordinance. The pertinent parts for this time of year are shown below. The full ordinance which also covers sidewalk maintenance and construction is on our website at www.ktwp.org

From Ordinance 604:

5. Obstructions. No person having the care, either as owner or occupant, of a lot within the Township shall permit or allow to remain on any sidewalk adjacent to the lot any obstruction, encroachment, rubbish, broken glass, accumulated soil, and vegetation (including overgrown turf, forbs, shrubs and trees) that impede pedestrian use of the sidewalk for longer than twenty-four (24) hours. (See Section D for Snow Removal.)

D. Snow Removal Regulations. No person having the care, either as owner or occupant, of a parcel within the Township shall permit or allow:

1. Accumulation of snow exceeding a depth of 2 inches to remain for longer than a 24 hour time period or
2. Accumulation of ice to remain upon a sidewalk adjacent to the lot for longer than a 24 hour period without treatment (ice melt or sand to be applied every 8 hours).
3. This regulation shall not apply to those sidewalks that are both government-owned and paved with asphalt.
4. Removed snow shall not be placed into the street.

Penalties.

Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or entity that violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statutes which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Fine
1 st Offense within a 3 yr. period	* \$ 30.00
2 nd Offense within a 3 yr. period	* \$ 60.00
3 rd Offense within a 3 yr. period	* \$ 90.00
4 th or more Offense within a 3 yr. period	* \$120.00

* Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs, which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Kalamazoo Charter Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$10.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Each day that violation of this Ordinance continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

Notwithstanding the above, a person shall not be cited for a first offense violation of this Ordinance unless the person has first been given (either by personal service or by posting on the subject property) written notice of a violation of this Ordinance and has failed to cure the violation within 24 hours of such notice. **Initial citations for violation of §4D (snow removal regulations) of this Ordinance shall direct the violator to pay at the Township Ordinance Violations Bureau. The Township shall collect and retain such fine money in a "snow removal fund" to be used exclusively for snow removal by the Township.**