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Official end of Snow Event "A" was Friday, January 17th at 5:00 pm

End of 36 hours to shovel sidewalk was Sunday, January 19th at 5:00 am

City received complaint on Monday, January 20th at 4:17 p.m. Inspector checked it on January 21st a.m. and the property was in violation. **(84 hours after snow event "A")**

Snow Event "B" started on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 3:00 a.m. Contractor cleared sidewalk on Wednesday, January 22nd at 2:54 p.m.

Paula Vandehey

From: Andrew Knudsen <andrew.knudsen@lawrence.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 11:41 AM
To: Paula Vandehey
Subject: Re: Pictures of snow removal - 1220 W. Lawrence Street
Attachments: 1220 W. Lawrence Street 1-22-14.pdf; Jan22weather[1].png

Hi Paula,

I see that you were CC'ed on my last email exchange with Mary. I would indeed like to be added on the agenda at the upcoming meeting next week to contest my assessment.

Also, I have a couple of questions that I hope you might be able to clarify.

1. What is the source of weather data you use to determine when the 36 hours starts for residents to remove snow from their property? As may have seen in my communication with Mary, the National Weather Service (for Green Bay, the closest data point for Appleton), records 1.3 inches of snow to have fallen on the 21st of January, which was the day that the inspector confirmed we were in violation. I do not understand how that approval could have been made if that day was snowy.
2. I would also like to know how many other houses on our block were found to be in violation that same day. In the image I received from Mary there is no visible concrete anywhere in the image either on sidewalks (extending east down Lawrence street you can see the rest of our block and onto the next block) or on Lawrence or Spruce street.

Thank you for your time,
Andrew Knudsen

From: Mary Schlimm <Mary.Schlimm@Appleton.org>
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 1:09 PM
To: Andrew Knudsen <andrew.knudsen@lawrence.edu>
Cc: Paula Vandehey <Paula.Vandehey@Appleton.org>, Ross Buetow <Ross.Buetow@Appleton.org>
Subject: RE: Pictures of snow removal - 1220 W. Lawrence Street

Andrew,

We received the complaint on 1/20/14. Our inspector inspected the property on 1/21/14 which at that time it was in violation. Later that day, our contractor receives the list of properties that are in violation which instructs them to clear the sidewalk of snow and ice.

If you would like to contest this violation, you would have to email or send that request to the Director of Public Works (paula.vandehey@appleton.org) to put the request on the Municipal Services Agenda for consideration by the committee. The next meeting is being held on Tuesday, March 11th. The request would have to be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, the week before the meeting to be put on the agenda.

Thanks,

Mary

From: Andrew Knudsen [<mailto:andrew.knudsen@lawrence.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 12:43 PM
To: Mary Schlimm
Subject: Re: Pictures of snow removal - 1220 W. Lawrence Street

Mary,
Thank you for the pictures.

I must say, I find it hard to swallow that we are being fined for a lack of snow removal. If you look at the before picture, you will notice that not a single bit of concrete is showing, anywhere, including the roadway!! I find it incredible that I would be fined for not having a bare concrete sidewalk when the city has not yet even cleared the roadway!

On Jan. 21, the day before our infraction, Green Bay (the nearest National Weather Service data point to Appleton) received 1.3 inches of snow. I am attaching a readout of the NWS report for the 22nd, showing the snow from the previous day. If we are to receive 36 hours to clear the sidewalk, I do not see how that could possibly have occurred if the contractor cleared the snow before 3pm, as the photos you supplied indicate.

Please advise on who I need to contact to formally petition this assessment.

Also, I would like to request to know how many other, and which, houses on our street were cleared on the same day. In the photo you provided as far as you can see (looking east) there are no cleared sidewalks at all.

Sincerely,
Andrew Knudsen

From: Mary Schlimm <Mary.Schlimm@Appleton.org>
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 12:18 PM
To: Andrew Knudsen <andrew.knudsen@lawrence.edu>
Subject: Pictures of snow removal - 1220 W. Lawrence Street

Attached are the pictures that you requested.

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