

ORDINANCE NO. 1054

BOROUGH OF CHARLEROI

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHARLEROI, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

WHEREAS, Snow and Ice Removal was prepared by the Charleroi Borough Council, Charleroi Code Enforcement, and Borough Manager; and

WHEREAS, Snow and Ice Removal was discussed in a series of public meetings, hearings, and advertised for the appropriate period of time according to the regulations in the Borough Code and Open Records;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Charleroi as follows:

Section 1. Required by Ordinance

ARTICLE VI. SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

A) Removal and disposal of snow, ice, and slush.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for owners, occupants or tenants to dump, throw, shovel, pile, or push any snow or ice removed from driveways or walkways into any public highway or street.
- (2) No snow, ice, slush, or combination thereof shall be pushed or deposited into any drainage area, stream, river, culvert or catch basin.
- (3) No snow, ice, slush, or combination thereof shall be deposited, pushed or maintained within a commercial, manufacturing, light industrial or multiple-family zoning district parking facility, or at or near an intersection in any zoning district, in a manner or at a location which creates a traffic hazard by impairing visibility from or of a public highway.
- (4) No person shall damage any Borough property, including but not limited to, traffic signs, culverts, etc., while removing snow, ice, slush or combination thereof. Any damage to Borough property shall be repaired or replaced in accordance with the requirements of the Borough at the expense of the property owner and/or snow removal agency.
- (5) Owners of properties within the Central Business District, Mixed Use, Riverfront District, and Industrial district shall remove or cause to be removed all snow, ice, slush or any combination thereof from sidewalks within 48 hours.
- (6) Owners of properties in Single-Family Residence district shall remove or cause to be removed all snow, ice, slush or any combination thereof from sidewalks within 72 hours.
- (7) A path not less than 36 inches in width, cleared of all snow, ice, slush or any combination thereof, must be maintained on all sidewalks abutting the property.

B) Removal of snow and other impediments from fire hydrants; failure to comply.

- (1) Fire hydrants shall not be covered. The owner and/or owner of abutting property, is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed all snow, ice, slush or any combination thereof or any accumulation and/or impediment which would limit access to, from and/or around all of the fire hydrants which are located on said property, so as to provide immediate access by fire rescue personnel in cases of emergency. In cases involving a storm, fire hydrants shall be cleared of all snow, ice, slush or any combination thereof within 24 hours following the storm. In any event, any accumulation shall be removed not less than once every twenty-four-hour period.
- (2) In other cases, involving the accumulation of natural and/or man-made items around fire hydrants the owner and/or owner of abutting property, is responsible for the immediate removal of said items. In either case, fire hydrants shall be cleared sufficiently so emergency personnel have total access to hydrants. This is necessary to allow for fire hose connections to be made to access water in the event of a fire. The owner, occupant, or tenant as aforesaid shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this section of this article, or within the time period required herein, the Borough of Charleroi, may, in its discretion, proceed immediately to clear the snow, ice, slush or any combination thereof or accumulation and/or impediment which would limit access to, from and/or around fire hydrants and to collect the expenses, with any additional amount allowed by law, from fine or penalty imposed under Section C of this article. In no case is the Borough of Charleroi liable if it does not exercise the Borough option for removal of snow, ice, slush or any combination thereof or accumulation and/or impediment which limit access to, from and/or around fire hydrants as defined within Section B.

C) Violations and penalties.

- (1) Any owner, occupant, or tenant, or agent thereof, who violates any of the provisions in the article shall be subject to a Quality-of-Life ticket as outlined in Ordinance 1030.
- (2) Any owner, occupant, or tenant, or agent thereof, who allows the violation to exist seven (7) or more days, shall be guilty of a violation of this article and punished as provided in Chapter I, Article II, Enforcement; General Penalty. Each day that a violation continues beyond the seven (7) days shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 2. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect _____.

Section 3. Severability

- A. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this article shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision or portion of this article so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion.
- B. The Borough reserves the right to amend this article or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this article and the effective administration thereof.
- C. The Borough reserves the right to amend this article, fee schedule, or any portion thereof from time to time by resolution or ordinance.

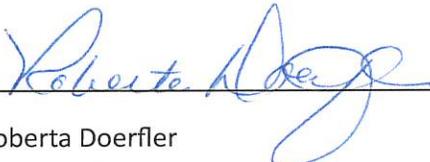
Section 4. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. However, this repeal does not affect any offense committed, penalty incurred, or right established prior to this enactment

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Charleroi, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, meeting in public session, this 11 day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF CHARLEROI:

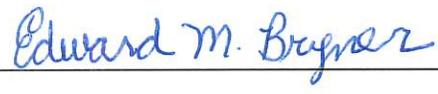


Roberta Doerfler
Charleroi Borough Administrator



Paul Pivovarnik
Charleroi Council President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 11 day of March, 2026



Edward Bryner
Mayor