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# **CITY OF PORTLAND**

February 8, 2001

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RE: 49 Exchange Street C/B/L: 032-E-004

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Dear Mr.Palacci:

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# Section 25-174.5a(1): In the business-pedestrian district, when an accumulation of snow or ice on a building poses the threat of falling onto streets or sidewalks, it shall be the duty of the owner to remove such accumulations on order to make passage along the streets and sidewalks safe and convenient.

This is a notice of violation pursuant to section 25.174.5 of the code. All referenced violations shall be corrected within 4 hours of receipt of this notice. A reinspection of the premises will occur on 2-08-01 at which time compliance will be required. Failure to comply will result in this office referring the matter to the City of Portland Corporate Council for legal action and possible civil penalties, as provided for in Section 25.1745.5(a)(4) of the Code and in Title 30-A M.R.S.R.A. § 4452. Attached you will find the above referenced code.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter I may be reached at 207-874-8708.

Sincerely,

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sidewalk to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice therefrom or by covering the same with sand or some other suitable substance, so that the sidewalk is suitable for pedestrian use, to a width of four (4) feet.

(Ord. No. 132A-93, 11-15-93)

Cross reference—Uniform procedures for collecting assessments, § 1-16.

Sec. 25-174.5. Snow or ice threatening use of streets or sidewalks.

. (a) In the business-pedestrian district:

- (1) In the business-pedestrian district, when an accumulation of snow or ice on a building poses the threat of falling onto streets or sidewalks, it shall be the duty of the owner to remove such accumulations in order to make passage along the streets and sidewalks safe and convenient.
- (2) Such removal shall begin either: (i) whenever a threatening condition occurs; or (ii) within four (4) hours after the director of building inspections or his or her designee has verbally or in writing notified the owner of the condition and ordered the owner to remove such accumulations, whichever occurs first. Whenever snow or ice accumulates in such a manner as to hang over a street or sidewalk, such a condition shall constitute prima facie evidence that the condition is a threatening condition. A determination by the building inspector or his or her designee that an accumulation of snow or ice is a threatening condition shall be conclusive and not subject to challenge or appeal until after the building owner has removed the snow or ice. Notice shall be given to the owner or to an owner's agent who has maintenance responsibility for such building.
- (3) The director of building inspections or his or her designee may arrange for the removal of snow and ice accumulations which exist in violation of subsection (2) above.
- (4) In the business-pedestrian district, the penalty for an offense shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), plus attorney's fees and costs. When the city removes or arranges for the removal of snow or ice accumulations the owner shall also be charged the costs of removal, plus a ten (10) percent charge for administration. A separate bill for each such removal shall be submitted to the record owner of the building as soon as practicable after the charges have been incurred. The record owner of each such building shall be deemed to be the owner as of April first of that year as designated in the office of the city tax assessor.
- (5) Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3007, after a building owner or lessee has been given one (1) notice and order under subsection (2) above and failed to comply and the city has removed the snow or ice, or when a building has been the subject of three (3) or more notices within an eighteen-month period, the director of building inspections or his or her designee may require the owner of a building to install roof guards, or take other measures approved by the building inspector or his or her designee, at the owner's expense to prevent the fall of snow or ice.
- (b) In areas other than the business-pedestrian district:
- (1) In areas other than the business-pedestrian district, this section (25-174.5) shall not apply.

(Ord. No. 194-77, § 2, 2-3-97)

