

(b) The repair of any sidewalk or driveway apron may be made after first obtaining a permit from the Department of Public Works, and the work shall be done in accordance with County Standards.

(c) When the Director of the Department of Public Works finds public sidewalk, driveway apron or sod which needs repairs and are not safe for public use, it shall be his duty to give notice to the abutting property owner of the necessary repairs by sending a registered letter to the address of the owner shown on the current tax records in the office of the Director of Finance. Said Notice shall advise the property owner that they have a sixty day period from the date of notice in order to repair the sidewalk, driveway apron or sod.

(d) Any person aggrieved of the action of the Director with regard to Section 18.500(c) shall have the right to appeal the action to the Board of Appeals within thirty days from the mailing of the Notice by the Director of Public Works to the property owner.

(e) Upon the failure of the property owner to repair the sidewalk, driveway apron or sod within the sixty-day period, or to have notified the Department of Public Works of his intentions to repair by exhibiting a signed contract or other satisfactory proof, the Director of the Department of Public Works shall order the work done and shall bill the owner of the property an amount equal to 100 percent of the cost of labor and material and an additional sum to cover the cost of title search and other administrative costs. A copy of said bill shall be sent to the Director of Finance and shall become a special assessment against the property repaired. Said assessment shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Appeals within thirty days after mailing.

(f) It shall hereby be the duty and obligation of the owner of property abutting a sidewalk in a public right-of-way to remove snow from the sidewalk within forty-eight hours after the snow has fallen. In the case of a multi-unit building with more than one occupant, it shall be the duty of the lessor to remove the snow unless he has obligated a tenant who is actually occupying the property to do so. Any owner of property abutting a sidewalk in a public right-of-way, lessor or a multi-unit building, or tenant obligated by the lessor who fails to remove the snow from the abutting sidewalk within forty-eight hours after the snow has fallen shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

(g) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict the County in the use of the County right-of-way for all intended public purposes.

Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, That this Act shall take effect sixty (60) days after its enactment.

1970 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 2

Council Bill No. 5

An Act to enact new Sections 12.215 through 12.219 of the Howard County Code, title "Health," subtitle "Board of Health," to require approved sanitary facilities in certain businesses serving food to the general public.