## CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-02**

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO AMENDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE CENTENNIAL MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS

WHEREAS, the City of Centennial (the "City") is a Colorado home rule municipality organized pursuant to Article 20 of the Colorado Constitution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule authority and Section 31-15-702(1)(a)(I), C.R.S., the City is authorized to regulate the use and maintenance of sidewalks within the City for the purposes of promoting the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Centennial adopted provisions in Article 9 to Chapter 11 of the Centennial Municipal Code governing the removal of snow from sidewalks adjacent to certain commercially zoned areas along arterial roadways; and

WHEREAS, as adopted the provisions did not require snow removal along collector roads and were not applicable to certain types of property; and

WHEREAS, each year, the City attempts to remove snow from approximately sixty-four (64) miles of sidewalks adjacent to residential neighborhoods following certain snow events; and

WHEREAS, the accumulation of snow on sidewalks can inhibit pedestrian traffic when that snow is not removed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to repeal and replace Article 8 of Chapter 11 of the Code to require snow removal from a greater class of property except for certain residential use.

# NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, ORDAINS:

- **Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and incorporated herein by this reference as findings of the City Council.
- Section 2. Article 9 of Chapter 11 of the Centennial Municipal Code entitled Snow Removal is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

Article 9

Snow Removal

Sec. 11-9-10. Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, residents and visitors in the City.

## Sec. 11-9-20 Definitions. For the purpose of this Article, the following terms shall apply:

- (a) Property shall mean a lot or parcel within the City.
- (b) Residential Use shall mean Property with single-family, single-family attached, single-family cluster, or manufactured home dwelling units as those terms are defined in Chapter 12 of this Code. Residential Use does not include multifamily or live-work units as defined in Chapter 12 of this Code.
- (c) Responsible Party shall mean the owner, occupant, or tenant of a parcel of land within the City of Centennial.
- (d) Sidewalk shall mean a paved public path designed and intended for use by pedestrians along a Street.
- (e) *Street* shall mean any public thoroughfare used, or intended to be used, for passage or travel by motor vehicles.

#### Sec. 11-9-30. Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

The Responsible Party of Property, not including Property used for Residential Use, shall remove snow and ice from a Sidewalk that is located on, adjacent to, or adjoining such Property, within twenty-four (24) hours after snowfall has ended and where the measurable accumulation of snow and/or ice on such Sidewalk is four (4) inches or more.

## Sec. 11-9-40. City Sidewalk Snow Removal Map.

The City shall keep and maintain a map on the City's website that illustrates the location of the Property subject to the provisions of this Article. The map produced by the City shall not be conclusive as to such locations. In the event of a conflict between the map and the provisions in this Article, the provisions of this Article shall govern and control.

## Sec. 11-9-50. Violation; penalty.

- (a) The failure to remove snow from sidewalks as required by this Article shall be a violation of this Code and is hereby deemed a nuisance in accordance with the provisions in Chapter 7, Article 1.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision in this Code to the contrary, a violation of this Article shall be treated as a minor offense as defined in Section 2-3-20 of this Code.
- (c) The penalty for a violation of this Article shall be as follows:

(1) First offense: \$200

(2) Second offense: \$300

(3) Third or more offenses: \$400

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Severability</u>. Should any one or more sections or provisions of this Ordinance be judicially determined invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intention being that the various sections and provisions are severable.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication following final passage.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

Stephanie Piko, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

For City Attorney's Office

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was introduced to the City Council of the City of Centennial at its meeting of January 7, 2025 and ordered published one time by title only in the Centennial Citizen newspaper on Jan 9, 2025, and in full on the City web site in accordance with Section 2-1-110 of the Municipal Code.

SEAL

ATTEST

City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk

FINALLY ADOPTED, PASSED, APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS, IF ANY, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY, IN THE CENTENNIAL CITIZEN NEWSPAPER AND IN FULL ON THE CITY WEB SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1-110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED AT ITS

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MEETING HELD ON THE 1/3 DAY OF January, 2025, BY A VOTE OF 1 IN FAVOR AND 2 AGAINST.

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By: Stephanie Piko, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Centennial at its meeting of 1/20 2025, and ordered published by title only, one time by the Centennial Citizen newspaper on 2025, and in full on the City web site in accordance with Section 2-1-110 of the Municipal Code.

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By: City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk