

Chapter 2

Obstruction of Streets and Sidewalks

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Section 17-2-1. Obstructions Generally.

It shall be unlawful for any person to put or place or cause to be put or placed anywhere upon a public street or sidewalk, and it shall be unlawful for any such person, after reasonable notice by the chief of police or any police official, to suffer to be or remain in front of his premises, upon the sidewalk, on the half of the street next to such premises:

1. Any broken ware, glass, filth, rubbish or refuse matter, on the half of the street next to such premises;
2. Any wagons, old automobile, lumber, wood, boxes, fencing, building material, merchandise or other things which shall obstruct such public streets or sidewalks, or any part thereof, or the free use and enjoyment thereof, or the free passage over and upon the same, or any part thereof, without the permission of the council;
3. Any goods, ware, or merchandise, for sale or show, otherwise, beyond three feet of the front line of the lot where such goods, wares or merchandise may be exposed.

No person receiving or delivering goods, wares or merchandise in the city shall place or keep upon, or sue for to be placed or kept upon, any sidewalk in the city any goods, wares or merchandise which he may be receiving or delivering, for a longer period than two hours. (R.O. 1955, Sections 15-1 and 15-3.)

Section 17-2-2. Sales Attracting Crowds on Sidewalk. *3

It shall be unlawful for any merchant, auctioneer or other individual to sell or exhibit for sale any kind of property on or near to any street so as to cause people to gather in crowds on the sidewalk or to obstruct free passage thereon.

*3 For state law authorizing city to regulate sales and merchandising on streets, see U.C.A., 1953, Section 10-8-29.

Section 17-2-3. Playing on Sidewalk or in Streets. *4

It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct any sidewalk or street by games of any kind, playing ball, quoits, marbles, jumping, rolling hoops, flying kites or roller skating, so as to annoy or obstruct the free travel of any pedestrian or vehicle.

*4 For state law authorizing city to prohibit or regulate pastimes in streets, see U.C.A., 1953, Section 10-8-69.

Section 17-2-4. Driving or Riding on the Sidewalk.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any vehicle or cycle or lead, ride or drive any animal upon any sidewalk in the City.

Section 17-2-5. Coasting on Streets.

It shall be unlawful for any person to coast or slide with any sled, sleigh, toboggan or vehicle upon any public street, avenue, sidewalk or alley within the city; provided, that the council, by public notice or proclamation, may authorize the use of certain streets for coasting during the winter season. During upon such streets as may be designated by the proclamation or notice shall be permissible.

Section 17-2-6. Gates to Swing Inward.

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or cause any gate to open outward and upon the sidewalk.

Section 17-2-7. Erection of Signs, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to erect or construct any sign, sign post, sign board, wood or metal awning, permanent advertisement, arch or any other structure, above, over, in or around any part of any street or sidewalk in the city, without first obtaining permission so to do from the city council. Application for such permission shall be in writing, and shall contain the name of the person for whose benefit the same is made, the period of time for which such permit is so desired, the dimensions thereof, the material of which the same is to be composed, and the manner of construction; which application shall be accompanied by a blue print or drawing or tracing of such proposed sign or other structure. Each sign shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the building inspector and building code, and meet the required specifications as to materials and construction.

Section 17-2-8. Sand, Gravel, Lime, Cement, etc.

It shall be unlawful to place or pile or cause or permit to be placed or piled any sand, gravel, lime, cement, mortar, plaster, concrete or any like substance or mixture or allow the same to remain on any portion of any paved street or sidewalk in the city or to make or mix or like substance or mixture on any portion of any paved street or sidewalk in the city without first obtaining a permit therefore from the supervisor of streets and sidewalks.

Section 17-2-9. Weeds. *5

It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent or tenant of any property, lands or real estate to fill, refuse or neglect to remove and destroy all weeds, rank grass, growths, rubbish, etc., from in front of or on any part of such property. In case of such failure, refusal or neglect, the supervisor

of streets and sidewalks may cause such to be removed and destroyed and charge the costs thereof to the property owner.

*5 For state law authorizing city to require property owners to remove weeds from property and in front thereof, see U.C.A., 1953, Section 10-8-23.

Section 17-2-10. Irrigation Water.

All owners or occupants of lots in the city requiring water from a main ditch for irrigation or other purposes are hereby required to dig suitable ditches, erect flumes or lay pipes and maintain the same to convey the water across the sidewalk to or from their respective lots.

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or cause any irrigation water to overflow or be directed upon the street of the city.

Section 17-2-11. Sidewalks to be Swept in Front of Business Houses.

It shall be unlawful for the owners or occupants of places of business within this city to fail to cause the sidewalk abutting thereon to be swept or cleaned each morning before the hour of nine a.m.

Section 17-2-12. Trees Injuring Sidewalk.

It shall be the duty of any property owner or attendant in charge of property to notify the city in writing immediately upon discovering that the sidewalks in front of the premises is being raised by roots growing from trees immediately adjacent to the property and it shall then be the duty of the city to trim such roots for the protection of the sidewalk.

Section 17-2-13. Removal of Snow From Sidewalk.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, having charge or control of or occupying any property, building, lot, part of lot, land or real estate abutting on any street of the city to fail, refuse or neglect to remove promptly and affectedly every snowfall from the sidewalk in front of such property. In case of failure, refusal or neglect, the supervisor of streets and sidewalks may cause the removal of the snow and charge the cost thereof to the property owner.