ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 6-1-15 and 6-1-26 OF THE HARRISONBURG CITY CODE BE ITORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA:

That Section 6-1-15 be amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 6-1-15. - Removal of snow, sleet and ice.

It shall be unlawful for the occupant of any building, and where there is no occupant, for the owner of such vacant building, or of any unimproved lot of land lying on any street, alley or public place within the city where there is a paved footway or sidewalk to permit snow of six (6) inches or less to remain along the front or side of such premises longer than twenty-four (24) hours, and six (6) inches or more to remain along the front or side of such premises no longer then thirty-six (36) hours after the snow has ceased to fall. The same requirements shall exist with respect to ice or sleet on sidewalks or footways; except, that when the ice or sleet cannot be removed without injury to the sidewalk or footway, it shall be covered within the period of time specified, with sand, ashes or some other substance which will render it safe for travel. If the occupant or owner of the premises, as the case may be, fails or refuses to clean off the snow in accordance with this section, the director of the Public Works Department, or his or her designee, may issue a notice of violation of this section. If not cleared within 24 hours of receiving such notice, such pavement or sidewalk may be cleared by the city, the cost of which shall be charged to the occupant or owner. Such costs shall be collected in the manner in which fines are collected. The director of Public Works shall establish written procedures for the waiver of any such costs due to physical disability or hardship on the part of the owner or occupant.

That Section 6-1-26 be amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 6-1-26. – Cost, fees collection thereof.

In addition to other remedies provided by the Code of the City of Harrisonburg and the Code of Virginia, any costs or fees that may be charged pursuant to this Title 6, Public Works, Chapter 1, Street and Sidewalks, shall be referred to the city treasurer who shall include those cost or fees in the next regular real estate tax bill sent to the owner of the real estate at which the costs or fees were incurred. All unpaid costs and fees in excess of $200.00 shall then constitute a lien against such real estate, and shall be collected as other taxes and liens are collected.

This ordinance shall be effective on the 27 day of October, 2015

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 27 day of October, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Ewa S. Kann

CITY CLERK