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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2016 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 13 -2016

Introduced by: Calvin Ball

AN ACT allowing the County Executive to extend the time to remove snow from sidewalks during a specified state of emergency; and generally relating to sidewalks in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2016. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2016.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2016 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this __day of _____, 2016 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2016.

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the
2 Howard County Code is amended to read as follows:

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4 *By amending*

5 *Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.*

6 *Subtitle 1. The County Executive.*

7 *Sec. 6.104. (a) Executive authority during a local state of*
8 *emergency.*

9 *Title 18. Public Works.*

10 *Subtitle 4. - Sidewalks.*

11 *Sec. 18.402.(h) - Maintenance of sidewalks, driveways and sod.*

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13 **Title 6. County Executive and the Executive Branch.**

14 **Subtitle 1. The County Executive.**

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16 **Sec. 6.104. - Executive authority during a local state of emergency.**

17 (a) *Authority.* During a local state of emergency declared pursuant to section 6.103 of this
18 subtitle, the County Executive may issue executive orders that the Executive considers
19 necessary to implement the emergency operations plan and to protect the health, safety, and
20 welfare of persons within Howard County, including but not limited to orders to:

- 21 (1) Control traffic, including public and private transportation;
- 22 (2) Designate zones in the area of the emergency in which the occupancy and use of
- 23 buildings and vehicles may be controlled;
- 24 (3) Control the movement of individuals or vehicles in, into, or from the area of the
- 25 emergency;
- 26 (4) Control places of amusement and places of assembly;
- 27 (5) Control individuals on public streets;
- 28 (6) Establish curfews;
- 29 (7) Establish requirements to shelter in place;
- 30 (8) Control the sale, transportation, and use of alcoholic beverages;

1 (9) Control the possession, sale, carrying, and use of firearms, other dangerous
2 weapons, and ammunition; [[and]]

3 (10) Control the storage, use, and transportation of explosives, flammable materials,
4 or liquids considered to be dangerous to public safety [[.]] ; AND

5 (11) EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR REMOVING SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS UNDER SECTION
6 18.402(H) OF THE COUNTY CODE.

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9 **Title 18. Public Works.**

10 **Subtitle 4. - Sidewalks.**

11 **Sec. 18.402. - Maintenance of sidewalks, driveways and sod.**

12 (h)(1) [[It]] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IT shall be the duty
13 and obligation of the owner of property abutting a sidewalk in a public right-of-way to
14 remove snow from the sidewalk within 48 hours after the snow has fallen. In the case of a
15 multiunit building with more than one occupant, it shall be the duty of the lessor to remove
16 the snow unless the lessor has obligated a tenant who is actually occupying the property to
17 do so. Any owner of property abutting a sidewalk in a public right-of-way, lessor of a
18 multiunit building, or tenant obligated by the lessor, who fails to remove the snow from the
19 abutting sidewalk within 48 hours after the snow has fallen shall be guilty of a
20 misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.00
21 nor more than \$50.00. Alternatively or in addition to and concurrent with all other
22 remedies, the Department of Public Works or the Police Department may enforce the
23 subsection with civil penalties pursuant to title 24, "Civil Penalties," of the Howard County
24 Code. A violation shall be a Class E offense.

25 (2) IF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER § 6.103 OF
26 THE COUNTY CODE, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MAY EXTEND THE TIME TO REMOVE SNOW.

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28 *Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County,*
29 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*