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**New Snow Removal Rules Taking Effect**  
Mayor Becker Urges Neighbors to Assist those in Need

SALT LAKE CITY – Newly adopted changes to Salt Lake City’s ordinance governing snow removal have toughened penalties for failure to clear sidewalks in a timely manner, aiming to ensure the year-round safety of all pedestrians.

In conjunction with the ordinance changes, the City is making concerted efforts to identify those residents who may be physically unable to remove snow and ice from their walkways. Civil Enforcement officers, along with communities citywide will work to identify those with special needs and connect them with individuals and service organizations willing to help maintain the goal of keeping Salt Lake City a safe and walkable community.

Residents will also play an important part in this work. Mayor Ralph Becker is encouraging all those who are able to provide assistance to neighbors in need of help.

“We ask everyone to take note of those who live near you, who are physically unable to shovel the snow around their property, and assist them with making safe passage possible on our sidewalks,” Mayor Becker said. “If you work with volunteer youth groups or other community organizations, let those groups know there will be opportunities to assist your neighbors.”

New rules require that public sidewalks adjoining private property be cleared within 24 hours after snow has stopped falling. Property owners or tenants who do not comply can be fined \$50 the first day a violation exists, \$75 the second day, and \$100 the third day. For tenants or property owners with street front footage of more than 200 feet, the fines are \$100, \$150, and \$200 respectively. The snow removal requirements are applicable to both commercial and residential properties in the City.

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