



New property owner responsibilities

Congratulations on the purchase of your new home! As new homeowner and resident of West Branch, we welcome you and want to make you aware of a couple city ordinances that property owners should know.

The purpose of these particular ordinances is public safety and maintaining property values for you and other members of the community. The West Branch Code of Ordinances is on our city website should you have any other questions on city ordinances.

136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND ACCUMULATIONS.

The abutting property owner shall remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations **within 24 hours**, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from the sidewalk.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2b and e])

50.02 NUISANCES ENUMERATED (10)

Weeds, Brush. **Grass over 6 inches in height** and any and all noxious weeds or dense growth of vines, brush or other vegetation in the City so as to constitute a health, safety or fire hazard or render the streets or highways of the City unsafe for public travel or interfere with the proper construction or repair of said streets or highways.