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To: Owners, tenants or occupants.

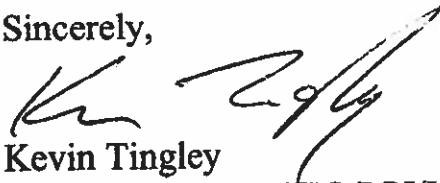
RE: Sidewalk snow removal.

Summer is over, fall is in the air and winter is around the corner. This is a good time to remind all owners, tenants or occupants that the Town of Houlton Ordinance Article III sidewalk snow removal requires you to remove the snow and take care of icy sidewalks in front of your stores or buildings. This would be a good time to line up a contractor if needed.

These requirements apply to all sidewalks in Market Square and Union Square and all sidewalks on Kendall Street, Bangor Street between Union Square to Military Street, Main Street between Market Square and Broadway and Power Ave, Mechanic Street, Court Street between Market Square and Military Street and Water Street and the sidewalk on the west side of Broadway except those sidewalks bordering on property belonging to churches and the County or occupied by dwellings are included hereunder.

If you have any questions please call me at the Town Office 521-59287 or 532-7111/

Sincerely,



Kevin Tingley
Town of Houlton CEO/LPI/LHO/AO

Surface drainage shall be provided so that all surface water on the areas adjacent to the highway shall be carried away from the highway.

The drainage opening underneath the entrances or filled areas adjacent to the highway shall be adequate to carry the water in the highway side ditches. Size and adequacy of proposed drainage structures shall be approved by the Town of Houlton prior to installation.

Sec. 12-211 Adequate Setback

In order to provide adequate parking off of the highway right of way and for convenience to customers and a protection to the traveling public, the Town of Houlton urges an adequate setback from the line of the right of way for restaurants, road-stands, gasoline pumps and other structures and installations serving the passing motorist.

Sec. 12-212 Special Cases

The entrances and exits to and from outdoor (drive-in) theaters, ball parks, shopping centers, or any public gathering place shall be considered special cases and special studies and issuance of permits will be made by the Town of Houlton after detailed plans and specifications have been submitted for approval.

ARTICLE III SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

Sec. 12-301 Deposit of Snow on Sidewalk Prohibited

No person shall use or cause to be used any sidewalk in the Town of Houlton as a depository for snow or ice.

Sec. 12-302 Sidewalk Snow Removal Required

The occupant of any store, shop, manufactory, hotel or any lot of land, boarding upon the sidewalk of any of the streets hereinafter named, and in case there shall be no occupant, the owner or any agent having the care or control of any such building or lot of land bordering upon the streets hereinafter mentioned, shall, after ceasing to fall of any snow and, if in the daytime, within six hours, but if in the night time, before twelve o'clock noon of the day succeeding, cause the same to be removed from such sidewalk. The requirements of this section shall apply to all sidewalks in Market Square and Union Square and all sidewalks on Kendall Street, Bangor Street between Union Square to Military Street, Main Street between Market Square and Broadway and

Powers Avenue, Mechanic Street, Court Street between Market Square and Military Street, and Water Street, and the sidewalk on the west side of Broadway, except those sidewalks bordering on property belonging to churches and the county or occupied by dwellings are included hereunder.

Sec. 12-303 Care of Icy Sidewalks

Such owner, tenant or occupant whenever any ice shall have been formed upon the sidewalk bordering upon such store or shop, shall cause such ice to be removed, or to be covered or strewn with sand ashes, or other substance in such a manner as to allow safe travel on such sidewalk.

Sec. 12-304 Street Floor Occupants Responsible

When a building to which this article applies has more than one story, the occupant or occupants of the street floor, or the owner thereof if unoccupied, shall be responsible for the clearing of snow and the proper care of ice as provided therein.

Sec. 12-305 Penalty

Every such tenant, occupant or owner, neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of this article, shall be subject to a fine of not less than one (1) or more than ten (10) dollars for each and every day he shall refuse or neglect to comply with the terms hereof.

Sec. 12-306 Enforcement

It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to see that the provisions of this article are complied with and he may, after the expiration of the time limits stated in Section 12-302 arrange for the removal of said snow at the expense of the owner or occupants thereof.

Historical Note: The provisions of this article were originally adopted February 11, 1952.