

MEETING DATE: 02/07/22

ITEM: 9 A

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Request from Jessica Barry to remove fee for shoveling snow at 316 2nd Avenue

Background Summary:

Jessica Barry, residing at 316 2nd Avenue, has requested to come before council to contest the snow shoveling fee charged to her. This is allowed in our city code. I have included pictures taken by Brad Cole with Do It All Services before and after they shoveled the sidewalk. I am also including information from Jessica Barry in a separate attachment to the packet.

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I am attaching Jessica's picture separately, it's in color.

Trudy O'Donnell - City of Charles City

From: Jessica Barry <jessicabarry7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Trudy O'Donnell - City of Charles City
Subject: Re: Do you have info for me for meeting?
Attachments: sidewalk.jpg

Good morning, Trudy,

Yes, I did receive the agenda, thank you!

I'm attaching a picture of my sidewalk to be considered, along with this email, in my appeal against the \$50 snow removal fee I've been assessed. Granted, my thirteen-year-old didn't shovel the straightest line, haha, but clearly there is a dry and clear path available.

I'm not sure if this fee was assessed because of his curved path or because he only did one pass, but I don't see either of these specifications addressed in *Code 136.03 Removal of Snow, Ice, and Accumulations* that was included on my notice from the City. After our snowblower wouldn't start that day, we picked our battles and had him shovel, with no reason to think this would be an issue.

I ask that the Council show a little grace here by removing the assessed fee, or at least reducing it and communicating what, exactly, our violation even is. Hopefully we get the snowblower running and this won't be an issue again (better yet, we get no more snow!) but in the meantime, I feel like \$50 is a pretty hefty chunk of my modest paycheck for this particular circumstance.

Thank you,
Jessica Barry

From: Trudy O'Donnell - City of Charles City <trudy@cityofcharlescity.org>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 8:14 AM
To: jessicabarry7@hotmail.com <jessicabarry7@hotmail.com>
Subject: Do you have info for me for meeting?

Wanted to be sure you received the agenda I sent with the Zoom meeting log in info at the top. Do you have information for the packets? Those will be going out this afternoon.

Thanks

Trudy

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January 25, 2022

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001-170-4710

Jessica Barry
316 2nd Ave.
Charles City, IA 50616-2927

RE: Unable to Shovel Public Sidewalks- 316 2nd Ave, Charles City, IA

Dear Property Owner(s):

An inspection of your property on January 18th, 2022 indicated the address listed above violated the *Code of Ordinances for the City of Charles City, Iowa*. In Section 136.03, it states:

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 twenty-four (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 & e)*

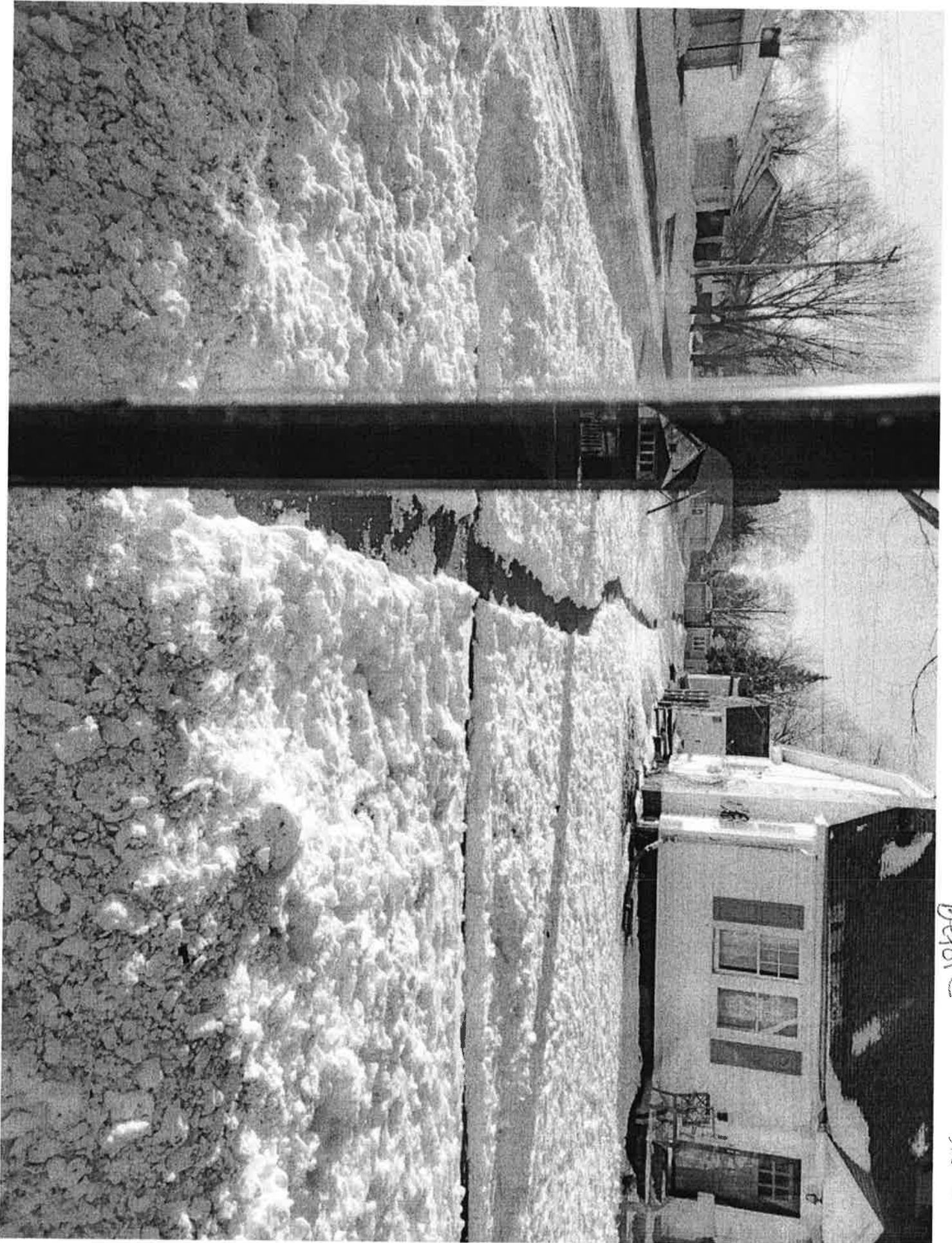
Please be advised that the City performed the removal operation and have charges in the amount of \$50.00. This amount also includes a \$5.00 administrative fee. This amount is now due and payable to the City of Charles City, Iowa.

The owner may object to such assessment by requesting a hearing with the City Council. If you request a hearing, it shall be at least fifteen (15) days after the service or mailing of this notice and you will be provided a notice with the time and place of the hearing.

If this amount is not paid within 30 days of the date of this notice, this amount will be assessed to your property and collected in the same matter as property taxes, as allowed by law. We can be reached at the following number (641)-257-6300 to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul Hughes
Code Enforcement Officer



before

3/16/2011



after

Do It All Services LLC
1203 North Grand Avenue Suite 1
Charles City, IA 50616
641-426-5426
doitallservicesllc@gmail.com
doitallservicesllc.com



BILL TO
Charles City City Hall
Charles City City Hall
105 Milwaukee
Charles City, IA 50616

INVOICE 7767

DATE 01/24/2022 TERMS Net 10

DUE DATE 02/03/2022

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Snow Removal at 316 2nd ave	1	45.00	45.00

TOTAL DUE

\$45.00

Thank you for your business!

A service charge of 1.5% will be assessed on all accounts not paid within 30 days!