



October 17,2023

City of Hancock Property Owners

RE: Snow Plowing

The City of Hancock wants to start off this snow plowing season with all property owners, understanding the laws, related to snow removal. We are very concerned about the number of accidents that happen due to snow piled on the side of the roadways.

Pedestrians walking on city sidewalks should never have to walk on the street because of piled snow on public sidewalks, or roadways.

Vehicles should never have to go out into an intersection to be able see clearly and safety to pull out into the street, nor go around a snow bank in their lane of traffic.

Always remember when plowing, you are responsible for snow that is plowed on the Hancock City roadways, including sidewalks. The City will issue tickets for code violations.

We have included the State of Michigan vehicle code with this letter. The City of Hancock hopes that this letter will explain how the law and our enforcement of the law affects you.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Tami Sleeman', is positioned above the typed name.

Tami Sleeman  
Hancock City Police Chief  
Hancock Police Dept  
City of Hancock

**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 300 of 1949**

**257.677a Obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice, or slush prohibited.**

Sec. 677a. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Person" does not include the state or a political subdivision of the state or an employee of the state or a political subdivision of the state operating within the scope of his duties.

(b) "Safety vision" means an unobstructed line of sight enabling a driver to travel upon, enter, or exit a roadway in a safe manner.

(2) A person shall not remove, or cause to be removed, snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle other than off-road vehicles.

(3) A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle.

(4) A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway.

(5) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction and shall be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$100.00.

**History:** Add. 1978, Act 82, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1978;—Am. 2020, Act 382, Eff. Oct. 1, 2021.