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to prevent obstruction of sidewalks with filth and dirt or snow and ice

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FIRST: Repeal Local Law No. 2 of 1990.

SECOND: The owners of any real property situate in the Village of Watkins Glen, in front of which a sidewalk has been constructed, shall be responsible to keep such sidewalk clean and free from filth, and shall also remove or cause to be removed, all snow or ice which may obstruct or endanger a safe and convenient passage thereon, so that such sidewalk will be free and clear of all filth and dirt and snow and ice at all times.

THIRD: Any property owner who shall violate any of the above provisions, or who shall neglect to clean, or remove any and all obstruction of either snow or ice from sidewalks as aforesaid, and who shall still refuse to remove such obstruction within 24 hours after having been notified in writing by the Mayor of the Village of Watkins Glen to do so, shall be guilty of a Violation as defined in the Penal Law of the State of New York, and shall be liable for such penalties as may be prescribed by the Penal Law for a Violation. Suitable notification shall include posting of such notification when the property owner cannot be found for personal service.

FOURTH: In addition to the penalties prescribed above, the Village of Watkins Glen Board of Trustees shall have the authority to direct that the sidewalks be cleaned, or any obstruction of snow and ice will be removed by Village Crews, the reasonable cost thereof to be promptly billed to the property owner, and if not paid prior to the second tax bill issued after the snow season involved, shall be added to the tax bill of the owner of the said real property in front of which such work shall have been done. In the event a property owner neglects or refuses to clean snow and ice more than once in a season, thereby requiring the snow or ice to be removed by the Village from the sidewalk in front of their property, in addition to the reasonable cost of removal being billed to the property owner a \$100 fee for each time after the first time in a snow season (normally October-April), which will

also be added to the tax bill of the owner of said real property and become a lien on the property if not paid as hereinbefore described. In the event a tax search on the property is requested prior to said charges being added to the tax bill, said charges shall be included on the tax search as separate charges due and owning the Village.

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FIFTH: Nothing contained herein shall relieve any owner of real property from their responsibility to keep the public sidewalks fronting on their property at all times free and clear of ice, snow or filth, and the property owner shall at all times be solely liable for any injury to persons or property resulting from his failure to comply with the provisions of this local law.

SIXTH: This local law shall take effect immediately upon mailing to the Secretary of State.