

To the City Clerk:

Per the letter we received from the city regarding proposed assessment dated April 21, 2020

For the May 18th meeting of the city council.

Enclosed letter to present to the city council from Russell Young.

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CITY CLERK OF OSKALOOSA

May 12, 2020

To The Members of the City Council:

Upon receiving a bill from the city for snow removal for \$385.00 for 60 feet of sidewalk I feel like that is some kind of a scam! I have cleaned walks and driveways in this community for several years and would never think to charge anything close to that. I have lived in Oskaloosa for 25 years and never has the city cleaned my walks or complained about it.

I clean my walks at times while it is still snowing just to keep the children from having to walk in the snow to the bus in the mornings, which means sometimes cleaning the walks 2 or 3 times before it stays clean.

The notice on my building was placed on the opposite end of my building, at 301 Rock Island Ave., from the walk in door or I might have seen it sooner. It appears that the person showed up to clean the walks shortly after the notice was placed on the building, not giving much notice either.

I can pay a fine for snow removal but I do my own walks and I just find this bill a little excessive! If you are paying a contractor for this bill to clean 60 feet of sidewalk, please put me on your list to call for snow removal.

I believe I cleaned my walk the day before the city did and when the city cleaned it again the next day I was cleaning walks again when I found the notice on my building. When looking at the picture of my walk being cleaned it looks, like to me, you can see it was cleaned the day before and blew back in or snowed again.

So, I guess I am just asking for consideration in this matter that we can call this a "One time slap on the wrist" and, at least, a reasonable bill to pay the city.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

Sincerely,

Russell Young

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