

## Amy Miller

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**From:** Matthew DeVos <matthew.devos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** Amy Miller  
**Subject:** 604 S 2nd St. Oskaloosa

Amy,

Thank you for the reminder about sending in my email for the city council. I have had a few things come up lately that have had me preoccupied. Please share the following information below with the City Council:

My rental property located at 604 S. 2nd St. was chosen to have the snow removed by the city due to the snow not being removed soon enough due to city ordinance. My wife and I were out of town in New Orleans at the time this snow storm hit Oskaloosa. I normally do all of the snow removal on the property along with the alley as well. It just so happened that the sidewalk got overlooked during this particular storm. I had a friend clear snow while I was gone. He did the alley but forgot to do the sidewalk in front. By the time I found this out there was a note on my tenants door who sent me a text to let me know as soon as he got home that day. So I called my friend that was clearing snow while I was out of town to go over and clean the sidewalk. He text me back and said it had already been done. After I did some investigating, I found that there was very little time between when the notice was placed on the door and when we were able to clean the sidewalk off. From what I have found out, the notice and cleaning all happened within a half a day of being placed.

I made every effort to fix this issue as soon as I could. This property has not been a repeat offender of these types of issues. I feel it would be fair if I pay the fees the city incurred from the contractor but I do not feel its fair to be charged another \$250 on top of the contractor fees. This is a 50' stretch of sidewalk that already had a premium price placed on it for snow removal. I do some snow removal here in town for others as well and I would love to make that type of money off of a single pass with a snowblower on a sidewalk.

I am asking that you take the unusual situation into consideration and since we have not been a habitual offender for this sort of instance, please consider waiving the \$250 imposed fine. I will understandably pay for the snow removal service, however, I find the fine to be excessive.

Regards,  
Matthew DeVos