

ORDINANCE NO. 55 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 78 SECTIONS 137 AND 138 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE DUTY OF OCCUPANTS AND OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY TO CARE FOR SIDEWALKS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, Sections 78-137 and 78-138 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances were enacted in 1971 and require property owners and occupants to keep sidewalks adjacent to their premises clean and free of dirt; and

WHEREAS, these provisions have not been enforced in many years and are no longer reflective of current municipal practice or legal enforcement priorities; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities outlined in these sections are outdated and not aligned with contemporary expectations for public works and code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, repealing these sections is part of a broader effort to modernize the Code of Ordinances and remove provisions that are obsolete, duplicative, or otherwise unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that these provisions no longer serve a legitimate public interest and that their removal will not adversely affect public health, safety, or welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Section 78-137 and 78- 138 of the Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office