

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA****TITLE**

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.

**DATE**

6/9/2025

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**

City Attorney

**COUNCIL DISTRICT**

N/A

**SPONSOR****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to repeal outdated and unenforced provisions of the Code of Ordinances concerning the responsibility of property owners and occupants to sweep and maintain adjacent sidewalks. These provisions, enacted in 1971, no longer reflect current city maintenance practices or enforcement priorities and are being removed to streamline and modernize the City Code.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Sections 78-137 and 78-138 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances were adopted in 1971 and establish requirements for owners and occupants of real property to prevent dirt from accumulating on sidewalks and to regularly sweep those sidewalks. In practice, these provisions have not been actively enforced by the City in recent decades and are largely unknown to most property owners. Furthermore, responsibility for sidewalk conditions has shifted over time due to changes in municipal operations, public expectations, and legal interpretations.

The repeal of these provisions is consistent with efforts to eliminate obsolete or redundant ordinances and to reduce confusion about the responsibilities of private citizens versus public entities in maintaining public infrastructure.

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: 06/10/2025  
Final Passage: 06/24/2025

**ATTACHMENTS****SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

**FINANCES**

\$ N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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