



Date January 30, 2008
Time 10:00 a.m.
Address 9568 S. University Blvd.
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Dear HOA President/Chairperson:

Out of concern for our residents' safety, especially children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, the Douglas County Commissioners approved changes to the existing Snow and Ice Removal Ordinance to include removal of snow and ice on **all** public sidewalks in the unincorporated areas of Douglas County.

County Ordinance No. O-007-003 requires owners and occupants to remove snow and ice from all sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a snowfall ceases. This ordinance also prohibits residents from shoveling snow and ice into the street. By shoveling the snow onto their lawns, owners may see a reduction in the amount of water needed in the spring and have healthier and greener lawns to show for it.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the changes to the ordinance and to respectfully request your help in reaching residents within your HOA about the change (perhaps in a newsletter if you have one). The County has also prepared the enclosed flyer and would be happy to send you additional copies to share with residents. The flyer is also available online at www.douglas.co.us/publicworks/operations/documents/Citizen_Snow_Removal_Facts_Web.pdf.

Property owners having snow and ice that is not removed within 24 hours will receive a written notice giving them another 24 hours to remove the snow. If the condition is not corrected within that timeframe, the County may remove the snow and charge the property owner for removal services. A lien may be placed on the property if the charge for snow removal is unpaid, and if the condition continues, a summons to include a \$50 fine may be issued.

We hope that with your cooperation we can work as a team to provide a safe environment for our residents and our neighbors.

If you have any questions, please call Douglas County Public Works at 303-660-7480.

Thank you,

Public Works Operations Division
Douglas County