



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2978

Introduced 1/27/2026, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/11-80-13
65 ILCS 5/11-80-26 new

from Ch. 24, par. 11-80-13

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that the corporate authorities of a that the corporate authorities of a municipality may require the owner or occupant of any premises to keep the sidewalks abutting the premises maintained in reasonable condition, including keeping the sidewalk free from snow and other obstructions and making repairs as needed (rather than keep the sidewalks abutting the premises free from snow and other obstructions). Provides that the corporate authorities of a municipality may regulate the use and maintenance of parkways and may require the owner, lessee, and occupant of any property abutting a parkway to be responsible for maintenance of the parkway, including, but not limited to, cleanup and disposal of refuse, waste, and garbage in the parkway; watering and fertilizing plants, trees, and grasses in the parkway; and the routine care of the lawn of the parkway, including, but not limited to, watering, weeding, and mowing of the lawn of the parkway.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 changing Section 11-80-13 and by adding Section 11-80-26 as
6 follows:

7 (65 ILCS 5/11-80-13) (from Ch. 24, par. 11-80-13)

8 Sec. 11-80-13. The corporate authorities of each
9 municipality may regulate the use of sidewalks, the
10 construction, repair, and use of openings in sidewalks, and
11 all vaults and structures thereon and thereunder, including
12 telephone booths, and may require the owner or occupant of any
13 premises to keep the sidewalks abutting the premises
14 maintained in reasonable condition, including keeping the
15 sidewalk free from snow and other obstructions and making
16 repairs as needed.

17 (Source: Laws 1963, p. 2430.)

18 (65 ILCS 5/11-80-26 new)

19 Sec. 11-80-26. Parkways.

20 (a) As used in this Section, "parkway" means the portion
21 of a public right-of-way between the curb of a street and the
22 property line of private or public property, where a sidewalk

1 is often located.

2 (b) The corporate authorities of a municipality may
3 regulate the use and maintenance of a parkway and may require
4 the owner, lessee, and occupant of a property that abuts a
5 parkway to be responsible for maintenance of the parkway,
6 including, but not limited to, cleanup and disposal of refuse,
7 waste, and garbage in the parkway; watering and fertilizing
8 plants, trees, and grasses in the parkway; and the routine
9 care of the lawn of the parkway, including, but not limited to,
10 watering, weeding, and mowing of the lawn of the parkway.