# Winona Downtown Maintenance/Cleaning Responsibilities

Winona's downtown is the heart of the city and its appearance reflects on the community as a whole. The City of Winona desires to work cooperatively with property owners and tenants to maintain the general cleanliness of downtown.

City ordinance 25.02 states that building tenants/occupants are responsible for cleaning and maintaining sidewalks outside their property or business up to the curb. This includes removing and disposing of all trash, cigarettes, glass, etc. This also includes removal of all weeds in the sidewalk adjacent to the property. Responsibility for alleyways is split between adjacent properties (see map on reverse). If the building is vacant, cleaning is the responsibility of the property owner.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### 1) I only rent space in my building, what am I responsible for?

City ordinance 25.02 states that it is the <u>occupant's</u> responsibility to clean sidewalks, tree grates, and alleys. However, property owners may provide cleaning service for tenants. Check your lease or contact your landlord if you have questions.

#### 2) What is the City responsible for?

The City is responsible for cleaning the streets below the curb. However, the City cannot provide street sweeping services on a daily basis. If there is trash or debris in the street next to your business or property, please help pick it up for the benefit of everyone in downtown.

# 3) Can I sweep trash into the street for the City to pick up?

No, City ordinance 25.01 states that sweeping trash into the street is a violation of City Code.

#### 4) What do I do with the snow in the winter?

Snow on sidewalks may be pushed to the curb, but <u>not</u> into the street. The City will remove the snow on the curb - typically the third day after a snowfall. Occupants are responsible to keep corner ramps (to crosswalks) clear of snow at all times.

# 5) Who empties trash receptacles?

Occupants must dispose of refuse created on the property in trash containers provided by the property owner or property manager. The City empties the sidewalk trash receptacles.

# 6) What else does the City do to help maintain the appearance and cleanliness of downtown? In addition to the services noted above, the City hires workers from the Winona Occupational Rehabilitation Center (ORC) to assist with trash pickup on downtown sidewalks during the summer. Other services provided by the City include hanging and watering flower baskets, sweeping streets, maintaining municipal parking lots, and repainting curbs, crosswalks, and parking spaces.

# 7) Who can I contact with complaints or questions? City of Winona Inspections Department (507) 457-8231.



