

Residents Outraged as Snow Penises Take Over Russia's Yekaterinburg

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A penis snow sculpture formed on the hood of a car in Yekaterinburg. t.me/SvetEKB

Russia's fourth-largest city of Yekaterinburg has been plagued by snow sculptures of [erect penises](#) over the past week, prompting calls among some residents for authorities to crack down on the practice.

Local media first [spotted](#) a giant snow penis in a public square outside the Yekaterinburg Opera and Ballet Theater and the Ural State University on Monday.

Svet, a news channel on the messaging app Telegram, [claimed](#) that the elaborate sculpture was the work of local students.

Municipal workers were [filmed](#) later that evening removing the sculpture with an excavator.

Yekaterinburg Mayor Alexei Orlov [condemned](#) the appearance of the snow penises as an "outrage."

Similarly, his deputy Alexei Bubnov [said](#) the phallic sculptures were a "provocation" and

could be classified as an administrative offense “if they offend anyone,” adding that law enforcement could get involved if they continued to appear throughout the city.

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A [petition](#) appeared on Change.org calling on Yekaterinburg students to stop sculpting the snow penises, and as of Friday afternoon, it was signed by at least 17 people.

“Yekaterinburg is a modern and creative city, but why do people allow themselves to dishonor its name and disfigure it with pseudo-creativity?” the petition reads.

But the Yekaterinburg Mayor’s Office denied that it had any plans for a citywide crackdown on the snow sculptures despite Bubnov's threat to involve get law enforcement involved.

“Utility services clean roads, sidewalks and public areas like parks and squares,” a spokesperson told the local news website It’s My City.

“There’s no specific duty to search and ‘fight’ snow sculptures.”

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