

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2024-XXXX

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REVISING THE RESIDENTIAL PLOW-OUT PLAN

WHEREAS, [something about how although more resources would be great, in the interim you have to make better use of what you have];

Commented [1]: Maybe something like: without an increase in funding for winter maintenance, the current resources should be used more effectively and equitably?

WHEREAS, ~~residential and business~~ mobility for all residents after a significant snow event is key to quickly returning the Municipality to full function;

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipality already recognizes the value of preferential plowing of select roads and streets (e.g., main roads and arterial/collector streets) due to their impact on large numbers of residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the current residential plow-out plan treats all residential roads equally, making no distinction among the numbers of residents served per distance unit of plowing;

WHEREAS, prioritizing plowing among the non-main roads and non-arterial/collector streets based on resident density would more efficiently utilize the limited plowing resources available to most quickly return the Municipality to full function;

WHEREAS, the current residential plow-out plan assumes all residents are equally harmed by the snow event and benefitted by the plow-out, acknowledging no differential impacts;

WHEREAS, not being plowed out is more likely to more heavily impact lower income residents through lower access to remote work options, lower likelihood of owning a vehicle able to handle snow well due to their higher costs (e.g., those with 4WD, studded tires, high clearance), and a smaller economic cushion when faced with missed income from missing in-person work;

Commented [2]: sources???

WHEREAS, prioritizing plowing among the non-main roads and non-arterial/collector streets based on resident economic rankings would address the disproportionate impact of a plow-out across different neighborhoods;

Commented [3R2]: You could reference the AMATS Non-Motorized Plan health equity maps bc it includes lack of vehicle access and income (starting on page 36 https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/AMATS/Documents/Nonmotorized/update_2020/20221019_Anchorage_Non_Motorized_Plan_Final%20Document.pdf) or the EPA EJScreenTool if you want to dive into a specific metric (<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Airport Heights Community Council supports an updated snow plow-out plan that equally balances residential density per road mile and average income as reported by Census data to prioritize residential plowing after the main roads and arterial/collector streets are finished; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that based on those criteria, the Airport Heights Community Council proposes a residential plow-out prioritization as shown in Figure 1 [Jena - make a map].

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council on

January 18, 2024 by a vote of: FOR __, AGAINST __, ABSTAIN __.

Chelsea Ward-Waller
President

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