

Resolution 2020- _____

Requesting the Municipality of Anchorage to modify its Snow Management Plan for the Karluk and Medfra Street hills south of 15th Avenue to resolve an unsafe pedestrian streetscape issue and to provide a safe snow-free sidewalk throughout the winter.

Whereas the Municipality of Anchorage currently plows Karluk and Medfra Street hills and stores the snow on top of the sidewalks, denying pedestrian access to a safe walking environment, and

Whereas both of the hills have street slopes greater than 20 degrees, are very slippery in the wintertime with frequent near misses as drivers slide all over the hill, and

Whereas many pedestrians use these two main thoroughfares in order to catch People Mover busses; children walk the hill to catch school busses; and bicyclists use these streets to connect to the bike trails along 15th Avenue and Chester Creek Greenbelt, and

Whereas the current Municipal snow plan allows for use of rolled curb sidewalks for snow storage for at least 72 hours (often Karluk sidewalks are covered most of the winter) instead of being cleared for pedestrian use, thus creating a very dangerous walking environment as pedestrians are forced to walk in the road, and

Whereas both Karluk and Medfra Streets south of 15th are wide enough with no on-street parking that snow could be stored as a berm in the road next to the rolled curb thus creating a buffer from traffic and slippery road conditions for pedestrians, children and bicyclists, and

Whereas the Municipality of Anchorage could then add the two sections to the list of sidewalks to be cleared with the smaller machine used by the Parks Department so as to create a safe passageway up and down Karluk and Medfra hills for safe pedestrian use.

Be it resolved, that the Fairview Community Council formally requests that the Municipality of Anchorage Street Maintenance modify its current Snow Management Plan as soon as possible for these two hill sections of Karluk and Medfra Streets to include cleared sidewalks with snow storage in berms in the road alongside the sidewalks.

Be it further resolved that this position be communicated to MOA Street Maintenance, the Mayor's Office and the Assembly.

Approved ___ Not Approved ___ this ___ day of _____, 2020 by a vote of ___ Ayes, ___ Nays, ___ Abstentions or ___ Unanimously.

Attested to by:

Allen Kemplen, President