

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2024-1

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMPROVED WINTER MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, Anchorage is a winter city that receives about 75 inches of snow in an average winter;

WHEREAS, snow impacts transportation, whether walking, biking, bussing, or driving;

WHEREAS, prompt, quality winter maintenance of our roads, sidewalks, and multi-use pathways is critical to ensure safe access to work, school, health care, emergency services access, and other activities;

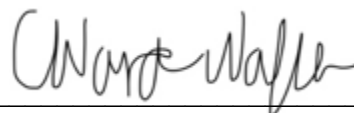
WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage Street Maintenance is responsible for plowing 1,400 lane miles and 200 miles of sidewalks, and the budget for the Municipality of Anchorage Maintenance and Operations Department has increased by ten percent over the last ten years, well below inflation over the same period;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation is responsible for plowing over 20 miles of sidewalks and pathways and grooming over 30 miles of trails (many of which are used for transportation in addition to recreation), but the budget for the Municipality of Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department has barely changed over the last ten years;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is responsible for plowing 1,187 lane miles and 160 miles of sidewalks or pathways in the Municipality, but the budget for the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Central Region Maintenance & Operations has decreased by about a third over the last ten years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Airport Heights Community Council supports improved winter maintenance of travel corridors in the Municipality of Anchorage including the non-motorized network, which would require analysis of the problem – such as evaluation of sufficient permanent staffing levels from supervisors to plow drivers to mechanics, equipment availability and condition, and increased, sufficient municipality and state spending on winter maintenance – and innovative solutions.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council on January 18, 2024 by a vote of: FOR_15_, AGAINST_0_, ABSTAIN_0_.



Chelsea Ward-Waller, President