

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



ANC 3B Resolution on the
WINTER SIDEWALK SAFETY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2009

Whereas the District of Columbia, on several occasions per year, receives significant amounts of snowfall.

Whereas the continuing failure of certain residents and businesses in the District of Columbia to clear sidewalks of snow is a problem that is repeated with each snowfall.

Whereas the failure to clear sidewalks of snow presents dangerous conditions for seniors, children who walk to school, and all residents of the District of Columbia.

Whereas the failure to clear sidewalks of snow leaves seniors, the disabled, and stroller-dependent parents of babies and toddlers housebound and unable to travel from their homes on foot.

Whereas Councilmembers Mary Cheh, Tommy Wells, and Kwame Brown have introduced in the Council of the District of Columbia Bill #B18-0596, the *Winter Sidewalk Safety Amendment Act of 2009*, and that such legislation would impose monetary penalties on individuals and businesses that do not clear sidewalks in a timely fashion.

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 3B supports this legislation, and urges the Council of the District of Columbia to act to approve the legislation in an expeditious fashion.

Furthermore be it resolved, that any final legislation should include provisions to exempt seniors, the disabled, and others who are physically unable to shovel their sidewalks from the Act's penalties;

and that any final legislation should include a system of graduated and escalating fines for repeat offenders to deter such behavior;

and that any final legislation should include adequate provisions for enforcement, such as the use of parking enforcement officials and/or enforcement by private citizens of the District of Columbia.

The resolution was _____ on March 11, 2010 by ANC 3B, by a vote of _____.

Melissa Lane
Chair, ANC 3B

Cathy Fiorillo
Secretary, ANC 3B