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Honorable City Council
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, New York
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: Amendment to City Code Chapter 227-56 (Sidewalk Maintenance; Removal of Snow and Ice – Penalty Provision)

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

The Department of Public Works submits this referral for Council consideration of an amendment to Chapter 227, §227-56 of the City Code concerning sidewalk maintenance and the removal of snow and ice.

Section 227-56 clearly establishes the responsibility of owners and lessees to maintain adjoining sidewalks and to clear snow and ice within the required timeframe. The section, however, relies on general penalty provisions elsewhere in the Code. This amendment adds a specific penalty directly within the section to support consistent enforcement and provide clear notice of consequence for noncompliance.

The maintenance and snow removal requirements themselves are not being changed. Only a fixed penalty amount is being added.

Proposed Code Revision — §227-56

Current Language (to remain):

[Every owner or lessee of any premises abutting on any street shall keep the contiguous sidewalks free from dirt, filth, weeds or other obstructions or encumbrances and shall also maintain the contiguous sidewalk in good condition, free from any defects or other dangerous conditions, and perform all repairs necessary thereto. Said owner or lessee shall have the further duty of causing the entire area of such sidewalks in front of such premises to be cleared of snow and ice within 12 hours after such snowfall has ceased or ice has formed. Whenever any ice forms upon such sidewalk, it shall be the duty of such owner or lessee to place thereon sufficient sifted ashes, sand or salt to prevent persons from slipping until such ice shall be wholly removed.]

New Language (to be adopted):

Any owner or lessee who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$250 for each

offense. Each day the violation continues after the required compliance period shall constitute a separate offense.

Requested Action

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests that the City Council approve the amendment to Chapter 227, §227-56 to add the penalty provision as set forth above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.L.B.", is positioned above the printed name.

Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public Works
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