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To the Honorable Town Council President,

I am writing to request an ordinance regarding snow removal and ice mitigation on the Town's sidewalks within a set amount of hours after a snowstorm has passed. With the long overdue sidewalks being added around town, it is time to formally codify what should already be a common courtesy among businesses and neighbors.

The City of Newport's ordinance reads as follows, which could serve as a model for Portsmouth:

"9.08.110. Snow Removal.

No owner, occupant or other person having the care of any building or lot of land bordering on any street, square or public place in the City, where there is a sidewalk, shall fail, within five (5) hours of daylight, after the ceasing to fall of any snow, to cause the same to be removed from the Sidewalk adjoining such building or lot, and in all streets where there is No curbstone set, a pathway, at least four (4) feet wide, shall be made on and along the sidewalk aforesaid for the convenience of pedestrians. (Prior code/678.12)

9.08.120. Ice Removal.

Whenever any sidewalk, or any part thereof, adjoining any building or lot of land on any street encumbered with ice, no owner, occupant or other person having the care of such building or lot shall fail to cause such sidewalks to be made safe and convenient, by removing the ice there from or by covering the same with sand or ashes within four (4) hours during the daytime (Prior code/678.13)"

Ref." <http://www.cityofnewport.com/departments/snow-removal>" Accessed: 12JAN2018

Respectfully,



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