Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
March 10, 2026	Matt Leming, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

26-054 - Resolution to Request Snow Clearance Solutions on Roadways Outside 553-569 Winthrop Street

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS The area outside 553-569 Winthrop Street is an extended area of road that is technically a driveway;

WHEREAS The Department of Public Works no longer plows driveways, though it will plow public and private ways;

WHEREAS The residents of 553-569 Winthrop have made every effort to secure private snowplows, though the angle of their roadways have discouraged all private contractors from taking up the job;

WHEREAS The recent lack of clearance on this extended roadway and the inability to secure private plowers has led to safety issues for the residents living there;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED That the City of Medford request clarification on the following options from legal counsel, the Department of Public Works, and our Honorable state delegation on the three paths forward:

- Guidance to residence on the steps required and costs of reclassifying certain areas of their driveway to a private way;
- Submission of a Home Rule Petition allowing the City to plow any roadways of a certain length;
- Revision of the City's contracts with snow plowers to allow residents to secure the same services during a snow storm;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives from the Department of Public Works and interested residents of 553-569 Winthrop be invited to the City Council to discuss this issue.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None