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I understand that on the agenda for Oct 25, is minimizing the amount of melting agents. I am concerned for many reasons for this to be decided. Who is going to pay for lawsuits if someone falls?

For someone who has elderly relatives, and active with people with disabilities, the reason for having clean sidewalks is so those using wheelchairs, other walking aid devices including crutches, the elderly, people with other disabilities, don't slip and fall. If you minimize the amount of melting agents, you are telling these people who may not be as nimble, that they need to stay home whenever the sidewalks have any ice on them. There are plenty of able bodied people who have slipped and broken wrists and arms due to a slip on a piece of ice.

This past year we helped a disabled person in a wheelchair across a sidewalk which due to the plows plowing the roads pushed slush onto the sidewalk and hardened and the owner was not able to clean the sidewalk due to the cold that had set in that same day. This person got stuck n some of this and unable to move forward or backward and fallen from their wheelchair trying to move it. If we hadn't driven by and saw that how long could this person been lying on the ground in the freezing temperature unable to move.

Not everyone has all day to watch and make sure the sand is appropriate on their sidewalks everytime there is ice buildup. When it is too cold for the ice to melt with salt, I understand that it is necessary for sand to be used, but a build up of sand on top of the ice also does not allow the sun to melt the ice.

This looks like the city will be having lawsuits due to limiting the amount of melting agents that city would allow to use on the sidewalks. You need to remember the amount of sidewalk someone has, very little of what is put on sidewalks have access to run into the street (basically only the amount across the driveway), most of people's sidewalks have terrace where the salt would be going to.

Please say no to the idea of limiting the amount of melting agents that people are allowed to use and think about the health of the elderly, disabled and even able bodied people who use the sidewalks.

Sincerely,
Judy Underwood