



**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-18  
SUPPORTING STATE LAW THAT PROVIDES LIMITED LIABILITY  
TO COMMERCIAL SALT APPLICATORS THAT ARE CERTIFIED  
THROUGH AN ESTABLISHED VOLUNTARY  
SALT APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** chloride contamination of water resources has been found in urban areas around the State of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS** the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has listed 39 waterbodies in the Twin Cities metro area as impaired for chloride and has completed Total Maximum Daily Load(TMDL) studies on Nine Mile Creek and Shingle Creek and is currently developing TMDLs for the remaining impaired waterbodies through a metro-wide TMDL study; and

**WHEREAS** the TMDL studies have indicated that the largest chloride source to our lakes and streams is through the application of chloride compounds on roads, parking lots, sidewalks and other hard surfaces for winter maintenance practices; and

**WHEREAS** liability for property damage or personal injury as a result of snow or ice is one of the main reasons over-salting occurs and many private commercial contractors and property owners are reluctant to implement salt-reduction practices for fear of increased liability; and

**WHEREAS** the MPCA currently oversees a voluntary Smart Salting Certification Program that provides training to public and commercial salt applicators, private property owners, managers, and others on how to maintain safe surfaces using salt efficiently.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Edina supports passage and enactment of state law that provides a limited liability exemption to commercial salt applicators and property owners using salt applicators who are certified through the established salt applicator certification program who follow best management practices.

Dated: February 7, 2018

Attest: Debra A. Mangen  
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland  
James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ) SS  
CITY OF EDINA )

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of February 7, 2018, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this 7th day of Feb, 2018.  
Debra A. Mangen  
City Clerk