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 oversalting 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, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
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 _______ day of Feb _______, 2018.

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City Clerk

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