

Re: Model Contract for Snow and Ice Management Services

Dear Property Managers and Snow & Ice Services Professionals,

The City of Edina convened a diverse advisory committee of service providers, property managers, and other interested representatives to develop a model contract for snow and ice management services. The main focus of this work is to offer a model contract that embraces best practices to minimize environmental impacts from sand, chlorides and other chemicals, while also maintaining safety and addressing liability risk allocation. The City of Edina retained Fortin Consulting and the Smith Partners PLLP law firm to form and facilitate this advisory committee and provide legal counsel to create the model contract and related materials.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first snow and ice services contract to include these best practices concepts as an element of professional snow and ice management. The model contract is accompanied by a memorandum that explains the reasoning of the advisory committee and reviews key provisions. We recognize that property owners and contractors will adapt and modify this model contract as appropriate to their business with guidance from their respective attorneys. We hope that this work will assist you in our larger collective mission of safely managing snow and ice conditions with less impact to our environment and natural resources.

Sincerely,



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