Resolution No. 241-2008

By – Mayor Cervenik

A resolution adopting the Cuyahoga County Service Directors’ Sensible Salting Practices

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association adopted a resolution on November 13, 2008 to encourage a proactive approach to the shortage of bulk rock salt in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this shortage has caused a significant increase in the cost of rock salt, which requires a cohesive effort to reduce consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association desire to promote a cleaner environment by reducing the impact of rock salt on roadways, landscaping and our water system; and

WHEREAS, the practices outlined in the resolution are consistent with the City of Euclid’s past salting practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Euclid, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That this Council and Administration do hereby approve the adoption of the following Sensible Salting Practices, developed by the Cuyahoga County Service Directors Association:

Limited salting during the late evening/early morning hours. During periods of snowfall during this time frame (approximately 11:00 p.m.-4:00 a.m.), the effectiveness of salting is minimal due to low traffic volumes and in some instances can cause conditions to worsen. Plowing and salting main roads and school zones at 4:00 a.m. will assure they are ice free for the rush hour. The goal of the service departments during this time frame is limited salting to provide “passable roadways” defined as a roadway that is “free from drifts, snow ridges and as much ice and snow pack as is practical and can be traveled safely at reasonable speeds.” Only intersections, hills, curves and bridges will be salted on main roads between these hours.

Salting during snow events. During periods of 1” or more per hour, main roads will be plowed as frequently as possible but only will be salted at intersections, hills, curves, bridges and school zones. “Spot salting,” defined as “intermittent spreading of salt at 150 ft. intervals,” will also be utilized when practicable.

Limited salting on secondary roads. Secondary roads will be plowed as often as possible, but will not be salted except for 200 ft. at each intersection, and at hills, curves, bridges and school zones. Spot salting will be used on secondary roads when practical.

Proper training of employees and communication of this policy. All Service Directors will ensure that the snow removal crew are properly advised of these sensible salting practices and are instructed to follow the guidelines set forth herein. Furthermore, each city should make a concerted effort to notify its departments and its residents of the implementation and benefits of this program.

Proper calibration of equipment. All Service Directors will ensure that snow removal equipment is properly calibrated.

Investigation of alternative products. All Service Directors will continue to investigate these benefits and utilize alternative products such as brine, aggregates and other enhanced deicers.

Section 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
Section 4: That this resolution shall take immediate effect.

Attest:

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Clerk of Council       President of Council

Passed: December 1, 2008

Approved:

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Mayor
