



## Legislation Text

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### **1. BACKGROUND:**

The City of Columbus Division of Planning and Operations utilizes salt for its operations in order maintain a safe roadway system by preventing ice and snow from accumulating on roadways. In order to ensure there is a sufficient supply of salt for this operation the City maintains a supply, in normal circumstances, sufficient to last throughout the winter season. In the past, when other agencies did not have a sufficient supply or storage capacity to meet their needs for the winter, they would request to purchase salt from the City. One of the primary agencies that this ordinance is intended for is the Columbus Public Schools. The Department feels that it is necessary to assist them during snow and ice events in order to enhance the safety to our communities school children.

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the City to sell a portion of their salt supply to other agencies in need. In providing salt to other agencies, though, the following limitations must be followed:

The provisions of this legislation will be in effect for the time period of December 1, 2009 through April 15, 2010. Any needs in the future will be addressed by additional legislation.

The cut-off total (cumulative of all agencies) allowable to be sold to other agencies by the Director of Public Service is 500 tons.

No one agency can purchase more than 200 tons per season.

The price per ton for sale will be equal to the price per ton paid by the City.

The Director of Public Service reserves the right to sell or not sell based on the needs of the Department of Public Service. The Director of Public Service will not authorize the sale of salt if it could cause the City of Columbus to be short on salt for its own needs.

### **2. FISCAL IMPACT**

The sale of salt to other agencies will offset the cost of City of Columbus Salt purchases.

### **3. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

Emergency action is requested so that this agreement can be in place prior to any needs arising for the purchase of salt by other agencies during the 2009/2010 winter season.

To authorize the Director of Public Service to enter into contracts with other agencies to sell salt previously purchased by the City of Columbus; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus maintains a stockpile of salt for treatment of roadways within the City to prevent snow and ice accumulation and prevent hazardous roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, other agencies frequently request permission to purchase a portion of that supply due to insufficient supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to provide authorization for the Director of Public Service to enter into contract with other agencies to sell a portion of the City's supply under limitations provided in this ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Service, Division of Planning and Operations in that this ordinance should be authorized immediately to provide for the safety of the travelling public in the 2009/2010 winter season, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Section 1.** That the Director of Public Service is authorized to enter into contract with other agencies to sell a portion of the City's salt supply when a need arises for this purchase.

**Section 2.** The following limitations are to be followed when entering into contract with other agencies for the purpose of selling the City's salt:

The provisions of this legislation will be in effect for the time period of December 1, 2009 through April 15, 2010. Any needs in the future will be addressed by additional legislation.

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**Section 3.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.