

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-28

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO  
A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK ROCK  
SALT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62.01 PER  
TON DELIVERED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 9.12 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, provides the method under which the City Manager shall make purchases and enter into contracts on behalf of the City including purchases in cooperation with other government organizations; and

WHEREAS, within recent years, the concept of shared purchasing between governments was formulated through an area initiative referred to as the Government Cooperation and Efficiency Project (GCEP), made available to all local governments within Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the City of Blue Ash Charter, the concept of cooperative arrangements with other political jurisdictions is also supported by the Ohio Revised Code via Section 735.053; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati recently publicly bid highway salt for the purposes of snow & ice removal; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the GCEP program, the opportunity exists to purchase snow and ice control road salt along via the City of Cincinnati contract, allowing efficiencies and the advantage of economy of scale pricing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati office has awarded the bid to North American Salt Company; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Blue Ash to purchase sufficient bulk rock salt for snow and ice control on the City streets, sidewalks, and parking lots, and the Public Works Director suggests that this can be accomplished most efficiently by Blue Ash's participation in this opportunity coordinated through the City of Cincinnati.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Blue Ash, not less than five (5) members thereof concurring,

SECTION I.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with North American Salt Company (through the City of Cincinnati's contractual arrangement) for the purchase of bulk rock salt for the 2009-2010 snow season for an amount not to exceed \$62.01 per ton delivered.

SECTION II.

The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are hereby authorized to make the aforementioned expenditure, which funds are hereby appropriated. Said payments may be made directly to North American Salt Company or to the City of Cincinnati if necessary.

SECTION III.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Blue Ash; the reason for the emergency being for snow and ice control for the safety of the traveling public. Any requirement to follow additional formal bidding procedures, if any, is hereby waived. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this 14th day of May, 2009.

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Robert J. Buckman, Jr., Mayor

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Jamie K. Eifert, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mark A. Vander Laan, Solicitor