

Reply to Common Council File No. 071557
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 017557 is a resolution authorizing the appropriations of up to \$120,000 from the Common Council Contingent Fund for the purpose of extending the street maintenance season.

The 2007-2008 winter season was the second snowiest winter in the city's history, with snowfall totals of 96.9 inches, compared to the average winter snowfall total of 49 inches.

A combination of the heavy snowfall totals, freeze - thaw moisture cycles, water seeping under street surfaces and a great number of salting and plowing operations caused excessive damage to the city's streets, creating potholes that are potentially dangerous to motorists and pedestrians.

As a result, it was necessary for the Department of Public Works to recall ten Seasonal Maintenance Crews four weeks earlier than planned. While the 2008 budget does include funding to extend the street maintenance season by four weeks, the appropriated funding for street maintenance and repairs will not be sufficient to address the additional damage occurring as a result of the extremely harsh winter.

An additional allocation of \$120,000 will provide construction supplies and extend the streets maintenance season, for ten Pothole Crews by four weeks.

The fiscal impact of this file would be \$120,000.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE RESOLUTION 071557, WHICH EXTENDS THE STREET MAINTENANCE SEASON, FOR POTHOLES, BY FOUR WEEKS.



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