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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 2, 2025

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: 2025-2028 Agreement with Various Local Municipalities for Snow Removal and Ice Control on County Roads

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Public Works is requesting authorization for the County Executive to execute the contract for the negotiated Snow and Ice Control Agreement with Local municipalities for the 2025-2028 snow seasons.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact the Department of Public Work Commissioner William E. Geary, Jr. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Poloncarz".

Mark Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP:weg/cw
Enclosure

cc: William E. Geary, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works, Division of Highways
Re: 2025-2028 Agreement with Various Local Municipalities for Snow Removal and Ice Control on County Roads
Date: July 2, 2025

SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works is requesting authorization for the County Executive to execute the contract for the negotiated Snow Removal and Ice Control Agreement with the local municipalities for the 2025-2028 snow seasons. This contract will be for a period of three (3) years, from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval would ensure continuity for snow removal and ice control on County Roads at a rate increase of four percent (4%) for each year, per lane mile for approximately 1,273 lane miles. Funding for the contract is contained within the Division of Highways Operating Budget.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

It is necessary that this approval be granted so that no disruption of snow removal and ice control service occurs to the residents of Erie County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Erie County's current three-year contract with 31 municipalities for snow and ice control expires August 31, 2025. After negotiations with the Association of Municipal Highway Superintendents, and in the interest of public concern for snow removal and ice control maintenance, an agreement for a three (3) year contract with a 4% increase the first year, 4% increase the second year, and 4% the third year of snow seasons has been mutually accepted.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If the authorization is not approved, our agreement for snow removal and ice control on County Roads and municipal aid service will terminate resulting in the disruption or loss of adequate snow and ice removal, especially in the rural and outer suburban areas of the County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Approval of this resolution will allow the Department of Public Works, to prepare agreement documents for full execution by the participating local municipalities and the County Executive.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

RE: 2025-2028 Agreement with Various Local Municipalities for Snow Removal and Ice Control on County Roads

WHEREAS, the County has successfully contracted with local municipalities in Erie County for many years to provide snow removal and ice control on County owned roads and facilities during the snow season; and

WHEREAS, the said agreements expire August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie negotiated and recommends entering into three (3) year agreements with local municipalities for snow removal and ice control on County roads for snow seasons 2025-2028; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of Erie County to execute an agreement at a lane mile reimbursement rate increasing four percent (4%) the first year, four percent (4%) the second year and four percent (4%) the third year, ending August 31, 2028, and representatives of the affected municipalities have agreed to terms with the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to sign and execute the 2025-2028 Snow Removal and Ice Control Agreements, as modified and updated, at a lane mile reimbursement rate increasing four percent (4%) the first year, four percent (4%) the second year, and four percent (4%) the third year, to expire August 31, 2028, payable from the adopted Division of Highways, Operating Budget, Fund 210, Cost Center 1231010, G/L 520060 Town and Village Snow Contracts, as set forth in the schedule below:

September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026	\$5,279.96 per lane mile
September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027	\$5,491.16 per lane mile
September 1, 2027 through August 31, 2028	\$5,710.80 per lane mile

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of Erie County to execute agreements with participating municipalities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works, one (1) certified copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Law and Division of Budget and Management.