

Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: June 29, 2021

Subject: Bulk Deicer Storage Facility Ordinance

The City of Spring Lake Park holds an MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) permit from the MPCA that regulates the City's storm water system. The City just applied for a renewal of that MS4 permit. During that renewal application process, the City learned that it is required to adopt an ordinance establishing regulations around bulk deicer storage facilities to protect waterbodies connected to the City's storm water system from exposure to chlorides.

The proposed ordinance adds a definition to define the terms Bulk Deicer Storage and Deicer. The proposed ordinance establishes general requirements for how such indoor/outdoor bulk deicer storage facilities should be regulated.

There are very few of these facilities within the city; the largest one being the MnDOT facility at the intersection of County Road 10 and Highway 65. This ordinance would only affect new facilities and existing ones undergoing an expansion. All others would be grandfathered under current rules.

Because this provision is being added to the zoning code, the Planning Commission was required to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance to bring the City into conformance with the new MS4 permit requirements.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.