



**Request for City Council Committee Action**

**From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** April 4, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Indemnification Agreement with City of Fridley for Management of Deer Herd at Minneapolis Public Works Water Facility in Fridley**

**Recommendation**

Authorize proper City officials to enter into indemnification agreement with the City of Fridley holding them harmless from any claims resulting from herd reduction harvest.

**Previous Directives**

February 6, 1998: Authorization of indemnification agreement with the City of Fridley holding them harmless from any claims resulting from herd reduction harvest.

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**Approved by**

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Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenter** Jim Ring, Public Works Water Distribution and Treatment

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable <u>  X  </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable <u>  X  </u>

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- X   No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- \_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- \_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- \_\_\_ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- \_\_\_ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- X   Business Plan:   X   Action is within the plan. \_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.
- \_\_\_ Other financial impact (Explain):
- \_\_\_ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

## **Background/Supporting Information**

The grounds of the Public Works water facility in Fridley has supported a deer population for many years. For responsible and humane ecosystem management, at times it has been necessary to reduce the size of the herd. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) consults with us on the best approach. In order to carry out our herd reduction program, a hold harmless agreement is required between the cities of Minneapolis and Fridley, similar to such an agreement in 1998. A highly skilled marksman who has experience in similar situations will be used to perform the herd reduction harvest. In addition, the plan provides for:

- a) Venison donations to community groups, arranged through assistance by the DNR.
- b) DNR contingency plan for addressing anti-shooting concerns.
- c) No active participation in the harvest by Minneapolis Public Works employees.
- d) Use of some police personnel to secure the area during the event.

The City of Fridley has recently passed a new ordinance allowing us to perform the removal without going to their City Council each time, but to apply for a license from the Fridley Chief of Police the Public Works Department need's documentation of our plan, including this Indemnification Agreement with Fridley.

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