
Sponsor: Sheriff's Office, Property Management

Meeting Date: 1/13/2026

Title: Lease Agreement with Tiger Investments, LLC for 546 Rice Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103

File Number: 2025-538

Background and Rationale:

On June 24, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepted a legislative grant from the State of Minnesota for the Capitol Area Public Safety and Livability Initiative (Resolution B2025-124). Through this legislative appropriation, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated funding in fiscal year 2026 from the Capitol Area Community Vitality Account to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Administration for a grant to Ramsey County for the Ramsey County Sheriff to implement a coordinated public safety and livability plan in the Capitol Area.

Over the past several months, the Sheriff's Office has worked in partnership with the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) and community partners to enhance the livability, economic health, and safety of neighborhoods in the Capitol Area. This collaborative effort has focused on public safety, youth and family programming, and street- and neighborhood-level cleanup and ambassador initiatives.

A key component of this work, and included in the initiative's approved budget, is the establishment of a physical, community-based space to support coordination and engagement. An appropriate and available location has been identified at 546 Rice Street. This board action requests approval of a lease agreement, with no cost to county's property tax levy, to support this work within community.

Located centrally within the Capitol Area, 546 Rice Street is a visible and accessible space that will ensure public and community services are delivered alongside community. While the Sheriff's Office will occupy the space, it will be utilized as a shared environment, welcoming community officials, nonprofit partners, and entities such as the Saint Paul Port Authority to work collaboratively with residents. This co-location brings resources and support directly into the neighborhood.

Positioned along the Rice Street corridor, the site strengthens relationships with local businesses and residents. It provides a place for coordination, listening, and the development of shared, community-driven solutions. Most importantly, 546 Rice Street will function as a community hub, hosting meetings, elevating resident voices, and connecting individuals and families to resources that support housing stability, public health, literacy, and skill-building.

A physical space is central to the Capitol Area Public Safety and Livability Initiative, which includes connecting people, empowering neighbors, and building a stronger, more caring Capitol Area community together.

The lease agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the Ramsey County Attorney, Enterprise Risk Management, and the Property Management Department.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the lease agreement with Tiger Investments, LLC for the use of the building located at 546 Rice Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103, upon execution through December 31, 2028, with the option to renew for one additional 12-month term.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments that do not have a financial impact.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board