

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

An ordinance requiring the establishment of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department

WHEREAS, Emergency Management and Homeland Security function resides in the Safety and Justice Service Team, having previously been established in Administrative Code section 4.43.00, as a division of the County Manager's Office under the supervision and direction of the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management and Homeland Security current budget, structure and functions operate under Safety and Justice Service Team; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Emergency Management and Homeland Security as a department within the Safety and Justice Service Team will formalize the organizational structure, including budget and Full-Time Equivalents; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department performs both mandated and non-mandated services that enhance community resilience by coordinating plans and procedures for disaster preparedness affecting Ramsey County residents, agencies, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has determined formally changing the language to refer to Emergency Management and Homeland Security as a department within the Safety and Justice Service Team is in the best interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01 of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter requires that the establishment, structure, merger or abolishment of a department, office, agency, board or commission, must occur by approval of an ordinance; Now, Therefore, Be It

ORDAINED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the establishment of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department, which shall remain within the Safety and Justice Service Team.