



# Economic Development Authority

## Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  
651-266-9200

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June 16, 2026 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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### ROLL CALL

- 1. Agenda of June 16, 2026 is Presented for Approval** [2026-228](#)  
Sponsors: County Manager's Office  
Approve the agenda of June 16, 2026.

### POLICY ITEM

- 2. Election of the Chair for 2026** [2026-206](#)  
Sponsors: Economic Development Authority  
Elect the chair for the year 2026.
- 3. Election of the Vice-Chair for 2026** [2026-207](#)  
Sponsors: Economic Development Authority  
Elect the vice-chair for the year 2026.
- 4. Election of the Secretary for 2026** [2026-225](#)  
Sponsors: Economic Development Authority  
Elect the secretary for the year 2026.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 5. Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Area of Operation** [2026-209](#)  
Sponsors: Community & Economic Development  
Approve the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Area of Operation.

### ADJOURNMENT



# Economic Development Authority

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## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-228

**Meeting Date:** 6/16/2026

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Agenda of June 16, 2026 is Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the agenda of June 16, 2026.

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-206

**Meeting Date:** 6/16/2026

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**Sponsor:** Economic Development Authority

**Title**

Election of the Chair for 2026

**Recommendation**

Elect the chair for the year 2026.

**Background and Rationale**

On December 2, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA). As part of implementing the EDA, an additional step is the election of the chair for 2026.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being       Prosperity       Opportunity       Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Ramsey County EDA is committed to racial equity and actively looks for ways to advance racial equity by electing the chair on an annual basis.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

Inform       Consult       Involve       Collaborate       Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Last Previous Action**

None.

**Attachments**

None.



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## Request for Board Action

**Item Number:** 2026-207

**Meeting Date:** 6/16/2026

**Sponsor:** Economic Development Authority

**Title**

Election of the Vice-Chair for 2026

**Recommendation**

Elect the vice-chair for the year 2026.

**Background and Rationale**

On December 2, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA). As part of implementing the EDA, an additional step is the election of the vice-chair for 2026. The chair presides at the EDA meetings, and in the chair’s absence or inability to act, the vice-chair presides at the meeting.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being
- Prosperity
- Opportunity
- Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Ramsey County EDA is committed to racial equity and actively looks for ways to advance racial equity by electing the vice-chair on an annual basis.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

- Inform
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- Collaborate
- Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Last Previous Action**

None.

**Attachments**

None.

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-225

**Meeting Date:** 6/16/2026

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**Sponsor:** Economic Development Authority

**Title**

Election of the Secretary for 2026

**Recommendation**

Elect the secretary for the year 2026.

**Background and Rationale**

On December 2, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA). As part of implementing the EDA, an additional step is the election of the secretary for 2026.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being       Prosperity       Opportunity       Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Ramsey County EDA is committed to racial equity and actively looks for ways to advance racial equity by electing the secretary/treasurer on an annual basis.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

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**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Last Previous Action**

None.

**Attachments**

None.

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-209

**Meeting Date:** 6/16/2026

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**Sponsor:** Community & Economic Development

**Title**

Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Area of Operation

**Recommendation**

Approve the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Area of Operation.

**Background and Rationale**

In furthering the implementation of the goals, strategies and recommended actions identified in the 2019 Economic Competitiveness & Inclusion (ECI) Plan, Ramsey County sought flexibility in the use of Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) levy funding to support small business and entrepreneurship programming. Ramsey County sought a statutory change through the Minnesota Legislature during the 2024 and 2025 Legislative sessions. Ramsey County was successful in obtaining the legislative approval in 2025.

The legislation was comprised of two parts: (1) the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); (2) the expansion of the eligibility of uses for Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy funding to allow for programming that supports small businesses and entrepreneurs.

On December 2, 2025, the Ramsey County Board took the first of several steps to formally establish and implement the EDA. This first step required under Minnesota Statute 645.021 (Special Laws) approved the creation of the EDA prior to the beginning of the 2026 legislative session. The Chief Clerk additionally filed a Certificate of Approval of Special Law by Governing Body with the Secretary of State indicating valid board approval.

The legislation outlined two requirements. The first of these requirements is the Ramsey County EDA does not have tax levy authority; this is intentional as the EDA will only receive and spend funding from the existing HRA levy.

The second of these requirements was that cities within Ramsey County HRA's Area of Operation were required to provide a resolution of support for this expanded use of HRA funding. Over the last several months, seventeen of the eighteen cities within the existing Ramsey County HRA's Area of Operation provided resolutions opting-in to the Ramsey County EDA Area of Operation.

As of May 22, 2026, the City of North Oaks has not yet taken up an action opting-into the County's EDA area of operation. The City of North Oaks will continue to retain current programmatic uses of HRA funding, e.g. investments in affordable housing infrastructure, Emerging and Diverse Developers, First Home downpayment assistance, Critical Corridors, Site Assessment Grants, etc.

The City of North Saint Paul is not within the Ramsey County HRA Area of Operation and therefore not eligible to be a part of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Area of Operation.

Approval of the EDA Area of Operation is the critical next step. Additional steps over the coming months will

continue to be undertaken by the County Board, Ramsey County HRA and Ramsey County EDA that further establishes and implements the EDA and programmatic offerings for entrepreneurs and small businesses. This includes revisions to the Administrative Code to reflect a new entity.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being
- Prosperity
- Opportunity
- Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

As it was stated in the ECI Plan, the secret to Ramsey County’s growth is the thing that makes its economy unique: a place as rich in cultural vitality as it is rich in economic opportunity. Racial equity is a regional competitiveness imperative for the county.

The ECI Plan outlined several strategies and recommended actions that make Ramsey County a more economically competitive community. While Ramsey County has actively pursued opportunities to advance the goals established in the ECI Plan, the limitations of funding have prevented the county from fully acting on its commitment to the economic inclusion of all residents with specific attention previously underserved communities. Implementing EDA powers will lead to increased investment and support of businesses, retention and growth of small businesses, pathways to entrepreneurship for Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous business owners, and will attract and grow high-wage industries. Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous owned businesses are growing: Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous owned businesses grew at 3.5 times the rate of all Minnesota companies in 2014-2015. However, growth in Ramsey County lags other geographies in the GreaterMSP region. While issues that contribute to the county’s lagging rates are numerous and multifaceted, a widening undercapitalization in of minority business enterprises is stifling overall economic growth, causing the county to miss out on the economic contribution of approximately 500 Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous business enterprises. The ECI Plan further noted that adding 500 businesses owned Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous people has the ability to create 6,690 new jobs in Ramsey County and close wage disparities across racial lines that are also contributing to the softening of regional competitiveness and creating unnecessary housing burdens for individuals and families.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

This action is informed by the 2019 ECI Plan, which was developed with robust input from residents, community members, and stakeholders over an 18-month period. This action serves to inform residents of the county’s progress to activating the EDA powers.

- Inform
- Consult
- Involve
- Collaborate
- Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

This action has no fiscal impact. By statute, the Ramsey County EDA will have no taxing authority.

Expansion to include EDA powers, as described by state statute, will allow the county to allocate a portion of HRA levy funding for purposes of small business support and enhanced business programming. Tentative plans are to allocate \$1.5 - \$2 million yearly from the existing Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy towards business programming. Further details on spending for business programs will be presented to the County Board in the Fall of 2026. The majority of HRA Levy funding will remain focused on affordable housing and redevelopment purposes.

The adoption of EDA powers will not affect taxation because the authorizing legislation approved by the state legislature in 2025 omits the typical EDA taxation authority. By design, this retains the current HRA tax levy ability and expands only the possible spending without adding taxation ability. The result is a net zero change on taxing and spending.

**Last Previous Action**

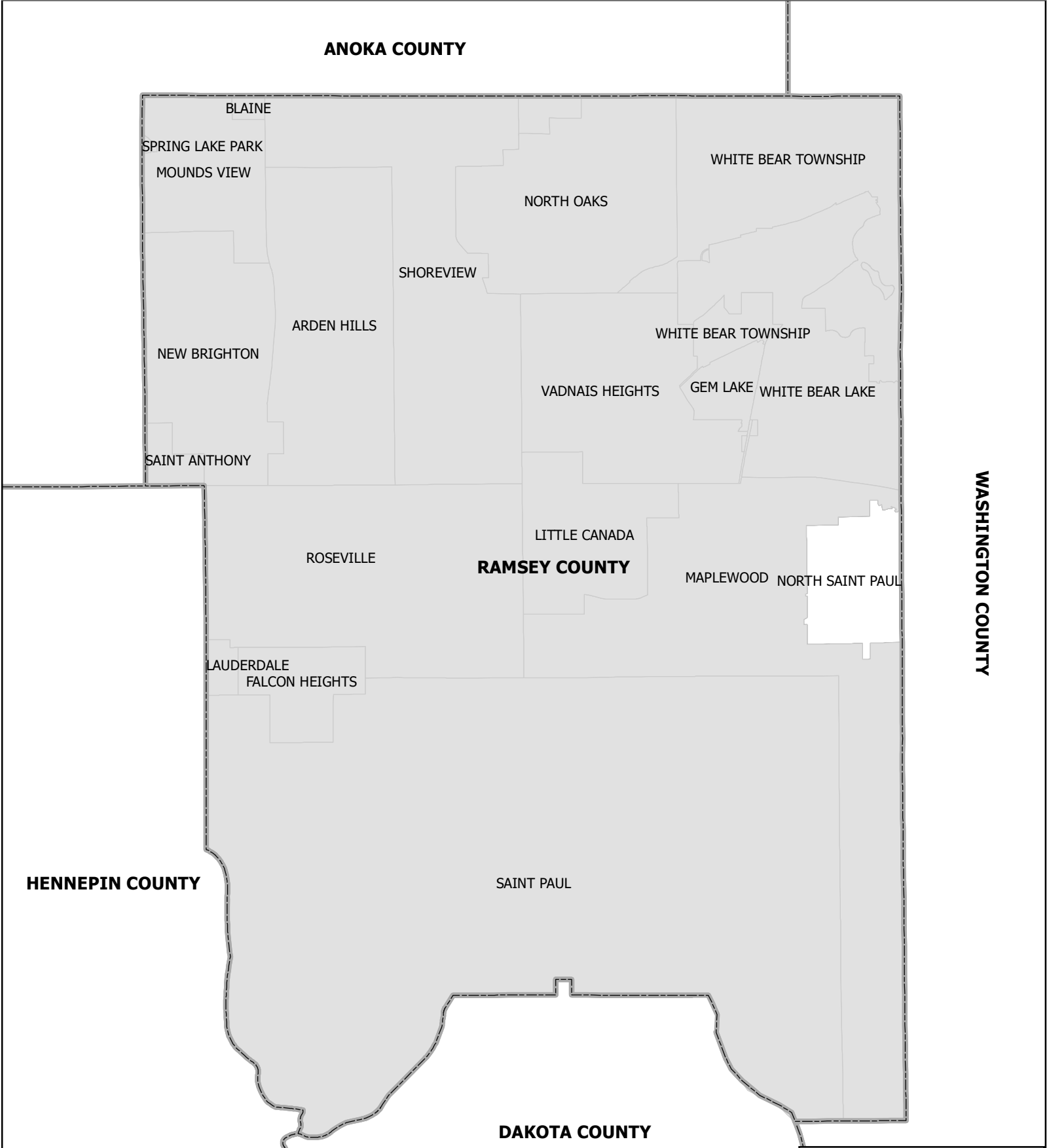
On December 2, 2025 the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners created the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (Resolution B2025-229).

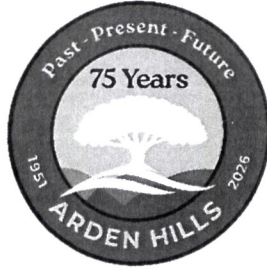
On June 22, 2021, The Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority approved the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority area of operation countywide, excluding North Saint Paul (Resolution H2021-004).

**Attachments**

1. Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Area of Operation
2. City Resolutions Opting-in to Ramsey County Economic Development Authority
3. Certified Certificate of Approval of Special Law by Governing Body

# Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Area of Operation as adopted in June, 2026





**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026**

**A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY  
TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT,  
THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("EDA")**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the City of Arden Hills City Council ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARDEN HILLS  
THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2026.**

  
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David Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Julie Hanson, City Clerk

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# City of Blaine

## Signature Copy

Resolution: RES 26-99

### **Resolution Opting the City of Blaine into the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA)**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the Blaine City Council ("City") consider small business to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Blaine hereby "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its use, funding and programs established; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Blaine this 18th day of May, 2026.



Signed by

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Tim Sanders, Mayor

Signed by

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Catherine M. Sorensen, City Clerk

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

May 27, 2026

No. 26-49

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**RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS' AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN  
TO, AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
("EDA")**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the Falcon Heights City Council ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

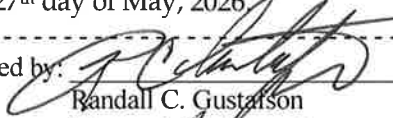
**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota:


1. That the City affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and
2. The City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

ADOPTED by the Falcon Heights City Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Moved by: Gustafson

Approved by:   
Randall C. Gustafson  
Mayor

GUSTAFSON 4 In Favor  
MAY 0 Against  
MIELKE  
MOGEN  
WASSENBERG

Attested by:   
Jack Linehan  
City Administrator



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**CITY OF GEM LAKE  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12**

**RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY’S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN, AND SUPPORT,  
THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (“EDA”)**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County (“County”) and the City of Gem Lake City Council (“City”) consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority (“HRA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (“Bill”), expanded the use of HRA levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County’s HRA are of operation would be required to “Opt-In” to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law by Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 201254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the city supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County’s EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City affirmatively “Opt-In” as a participant in the County’s EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the city commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County’s EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses

The motion for adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced by Councilmember Lindner and supported by Councilmember Johnson, and upon vote being taken thereon, the resolution passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 1 against.

**ATTEST**

I, Barbara Suciu, the duly qualified City Clerk of the City of Gem Lake, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and accurate representation of action taken by the City Council of the City of Gem Lake on the date first written.

  
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Barbara Suciu, City Clerk

*May 19, 2026*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RESOLUTION NO. 032426B**

**CITY OF LAUDERDALE  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("EDA")

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the Lauderdale City Council ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County’s EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

Adopted by the Lauderdale City Council this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.



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Mary Gaasch  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather Butkowski  
City Administrator

**CITY OF LITTLE CANADA  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4-58**

**RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND  
SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
("EDA")**

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**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the Little Canada City Council ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

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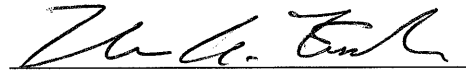
**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLE CANADA, MINNESOTA**, that the City affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.


Adopted in the regular session of the City Council the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2026.

**CITY OF LITTLE CANADA**



Thomas Fischer  
Mayor

Attest:



Heidi Heller  
City Clerk

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Maplewood, Minnesota, was duly called and held in the Council Chambers of said City on the **11th day of May, 2026** at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Marylee Abrams, Mayor	Present
Rebecca Cave, Councilmember	Present
Kathleen Juenemann, Councilmember	Present
Chonburi Lee, Councilmember	Present
Nikki Villavicencio, Councilmember	Present

### **Resolution of Support for Ramsey County EDA**

Councilmember Cave moved to approve the resolution exercising the city's authority to opt-in to, and support, the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority.

#### Resolution 26-05-2500

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLEWOOD EXERCISING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("EDA")

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the Maplewood City Council ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

WHEREAS, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

Seconded by Councilmember Juenemann

Ayes – All

The motion passed.

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY ) SS  
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD )

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of the City of Maplewood, Minnesota, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Maplewood, held on the **11th day of May, 2026** with the original on file in my office, and the same is a full, true and complete transcript therefrom insofar as the same relates to the resolution exercising the city's authority to opt-in to, and support, the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority.

WITNESS my hand and sealed this **3rd Day of June, 2026.**



Andrea Sindt, City Clerk  
City of Maplewood, Minnesota



**RESOLUTION NO. 10223**

**CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**EXERCISING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT,  
THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("EDA")**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the Mounds View City Council ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority, and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City affirmatively “Opt-In” as a participant in the County’s EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County’s EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.



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Zach Lindstrom, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Nyle Zikmund, City Administrator



RESOLUTION No. 2026-038  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON EXERCISING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("EDA")

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the City of New Brighton City Council ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

WHEREAS, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and


WHEREAS, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

**ADOPTED** this day of April 14, 2026, by the New Brighton City Council with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.



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Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor



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Devin Massopust, City Manager

ATTEST:



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Terri Spangrud, City Clerk

(SEAL)

**CITY OF NORTH OAKS  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1595**

**RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY’S AUTHORITY TO OPT-  
IN TO, AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (“EDA”)**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County (“County”) and the North Oaks City Council (“City”) consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County’s HRA Area of Operation would be required to ‘Opt In’ to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County’s EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City affirmatively “Opts-In” as a participant in the County’s EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County’s EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026 by the City Council of North Oaks, MN

*Krista Wolter*  
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Krista Wolter, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Kevin Kress*  
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Kevin Kress, City Administrator

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota, was duly held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Mayor Roe; and the following were absent: none.

Councilmember Bauer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION No. 12238**

**RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY  
TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT,  
THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("EDA")**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the City Council of the City of Roseville ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

WHEREAS, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Strahan, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Groff, Bauer, Strahan, Schroeder, and Mayor Roe; and the following voted against the same: none.

WHEREUPON, said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



**CITY OF SAINT ANTHONY VILLAGE  
RESOLUTION 26-028**

**A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY’S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND  
SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
 (“EDA”)**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County (“County”) and the Saint Anthony Village City Council (“City”) consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County’s HRA Area of Operation would be required to ‘Opt In’ to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and


**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and


**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County’s EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of City of Saint Anthony Village, Minnesota affirmatively “Opts-In” as a participant in the County’s EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County’s EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

Approved this 14th day of April, 2026.

  
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Wendy Webster, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Nicole DeDeyn, City Clerk

Review for Administration:   
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Charlie Yunker, City Manager



## Legislation Text

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**File #: RES 26-886, Version: 2**

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Exercising the City's Authority to Opt-in to, and Support, the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority ("EDA"). (Laid over from May 27, 2026)

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County"), the Board of the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority ("St. Paul HRA") and the Saint Paul City Council ("City"), hereinafter referred to as "the Parties" consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 383A.151 and 383A.152 the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority ("County HRA"); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of County HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saint Paul maintains the right to withdrawal from the business programming, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 469.1082, subd. 5.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with County HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and St. Paul HRA supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself of, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Saint Paul affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Saint Paul commits to collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of

supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses; and

~~BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Saint Paul, through its Housing and Redevelopment Authority, shall annually approve a spending plan for all EDA dollars to be spent within the City prior to any funds being disbursed or spent.~~



# City of Saint Paul

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Boulevard  
Phone: 651-266-8560

## Certified Copy

**Resolution: RES 26-889**

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**File Number: RES 26-889**

Resolution of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (“HRA”) of the City of Saint Paul Exercising the HRA’s Authority to Opt-In to, and Support, the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (“EDA”)

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Ramsey County (“County”), the Board of the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (“St. Paul HRA”) and the Saint Paul City Council (“City”), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties” consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Parties also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 383A.151 and 383A.152 the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority (“County HRA”); and

WHEREAS, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of County HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County’s HRA Area of Operation would be required to ‘Opt In’ to business programming by the EDA; and

WHEREAS, the St. Paul HRA maintains the right to withdraw from the business programming, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 469.1082, subd. 5.

WHEREAS, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with County HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and the filing with the Secretary of State of a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

WHEREAS, the City and St. Paul HRA supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself of, funding and programs made available by the County’s EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Paul HRA affirmatively “Opts-In” as a

participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Paul HRA commits to collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses; ~~and~~

~~BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City, through its Housing and Redevelopment Authority, shall annually approve a spending plan for all EDA dollars to be spent within the City prior to any funds being disbursed or spent.~~

I, Kelly Bauer, HRA Recording Secretary, certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution RES 26-889 adopted by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota on June 3, 2026.

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bauer, Kelly

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June 05, 2026

Date Certified

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SHOREVIEW, MINNESOTA**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shoreview, Ramsey County, Minnesota, was duly held at the City Hall in said City on April 6, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Sue Denkinger; and Council Members John Doan, Paul Gardner, Shelly Myrland, and Cory Springhorn.

and the following were absent: none.

Member Doan introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 26-22**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREVIEW EXERCISING  
THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("EDA")**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the Shoreview City Council ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'opt in' to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law by Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County’s EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Shoreview affirmatively “opts-In” as a participant in the County’s EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County’s EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

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The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Myrland, and after full discussion thereof and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mayor Denkinger; and Council Members Doan, Gardner, Myrland, and Springhorn.

and the following voted against the same: none.

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**COUNTY OF RAMSEY**

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW**

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting City Manager of the City of Shoreview, Minnesota, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the City Council of said City duly held on the date therein indicated, insofar as such minutes relate to a resolution approving the City election to opt-in to the Ramsey County EDA.

**WITNESS** my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
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City Manager



**CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23**

**A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY’S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“EDA”)**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County (“County”) and the Spring Lake Park City Council (“City”) consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County’s HRA Area of Operation would be required to ‘Opt In’ to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County’s EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park that the City Council affirmatively “Opts-In” as a participant in the County’s EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember Wendling.

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Dircks, Acting Mayor Goodboe-Bisschoff.

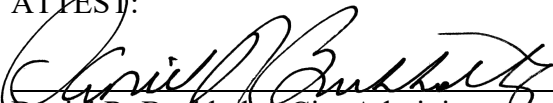
And the following voted against the same:

Whereon the Acting Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2026.

APPROVED BY:

  
Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Daniel R. Buchholz, City Administrator

**CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-05-28**

**A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY’S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO,  
AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (“EDA”)**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Ramsey County (“County”) and the Vadnais Heights City Council (“City”) consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County’s HRA Area of Operation would be required to ‘Opt In’ to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County’s EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS**, that the City affirmatively “Opts-In” as a participant in the County’s EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

This Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Administrator this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Attest:



Kevin Watson, City Administrator

  
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Mike Krachmer, Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 13632**

**A RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE'S AUTHORITY TO OPT-IN TO, AND SUPPORT, THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Ramsey County ("County") and White Bear Lake ("City") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government units; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the City also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

**WHEREAS**, the special legislation, referred to as the EDA Bill, expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill was approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt In' to business programming by the EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the City may flow; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, that the City affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.

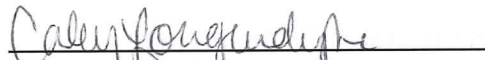
**RESOLUTION NO. 13632**

The foregoing resolution, offered by Councilmember Edberg and supported by Councilmember West, was declared carried on the following vote:

Ayes: Edberg, Engstran, Gurrola, Walsh, West  
Nays: None  
Passed: March 24, 2026

  
Mary Nicklawske, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Caley Longendyke, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE TOWN'S AUTHORITY  
TO OPT-IN TO, & SUPPORT,  
THE RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("EDA")**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Ramsey County ("County") and the Board of the Town of White Bear ("Township") consider small businesses to be the backbone of stability and growth for their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Township also consider continued investment in small businesses as critical for sustaining stability and growth in their respective local government and municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County sought special legislation from the State Legislature that expanded the eligible uses of the County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA); and

WHEREAS, the special legislation, often referred to as the EDA Bill (Bill), expanded the use of HRA Levy funding to include entrepreneurship and business programming and necessitated the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill was approved by the Legislature in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the EDA Bill contained two provisions, (1) the EDA would not have tax levy authority and (2) Cities within the County's HRA Area of Operation would be required to 'Opt-In' to business programming by the EDA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state statute, projects funded with HRA levy will continue to require consent by the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Resolution B2025-229 dated December 2, 2025, and to filing with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Approval of Special Law By Governing Body (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021) December 16, 2025, as Document No. 20254239, the County has legally established an EDA through which the above-referenced funds and programs supporting small business in the Township may flow; and

WHEREAS, the Township supports the County in promoting growth and sustainability for small businesses within its jurisdiction and therefore supports, and wishes to avail itself to, funding and programs made available by the County's EDA and deems it a positive mechanism for doing so; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the White Bear Township Board affirmatively "Opts-In" as a participant in the County's EDA Area of Operation, and supports the County in its EDA use, funding and programs established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township commits to the collaboration with the County and the processes necessary for implementing the County's EDA programs as an integral part and shared goal of supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and local small businesses.


Whereupon said Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of White Bear on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.



TOWN BOARD CHAIR, TOWN OF WHITE BEAR, MINN.

Attested:



TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF WHITE BEAR, MINN.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF SPECIAL LAW  
BY GOVERNING BODY**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 645.02 and 645.021

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

County of Ramsey

**TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, That the undersigned chief clerical officer of the  
Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY, that in compliance with the provisions of Laws, 20 25 ,  
Chapter 383A.151 requiring approval by a majority\* of the governing body of said local  
governmental unit before it becomes effective, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners  
(designate governing body)

at a meeting duly held on the 2 day of December 20 25 , by resolution B2025-229  
\_\_\_\_\_ did approve said Laws, 20 25 , Chapter 383A.151  
(if other than resolution, specify)

by a 6 majority vote\* of all of the members thereof (Ayes 6 ; Noes 0 ;  
Absent or not voting 1 ) and the following additional steps, if any required by statute  
or charter were taken:

None.

A copy of the resolution is hereto annexed and made a part of this certificate by reference.

Document Number: 20254239  
Filed December 16, 2025  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State, Steve Simon

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Clerk - County Board  
(Official designation of officer)

\*If extraordinary majority is required by the special law, insert fraction or percentage below:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

This form prescribed by the Attorney General and furnished by the Secretary of State  
as required in Minnesota Statutes 645.021.

**Instructions for completing this form are on the next page.**



Board of Commissioners
Resolution
B2025-229

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

Sponsor: Community & Economic Development

Meeting Date: 12/2/2025

Title: Ramsey County Economic Development Authority
Implementation

File Number: 2025-491

Background and Rationale:

In furthering the implementation of the goals, strategies and recommended actions identified in the 2019 Economic Competitiveness & Inclusion (ECI) Plan, Ramsey County sought flexibility in the use of Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) levy funding to support small business and entrepreneurship programming. Ramsey County sought a statutory change through the Minnesota Legislature during the 2024 and 2025 Legislative sessions. Ramsey County was successful in obtaining the legislative approval in 2025.

The legislation was comprised of two parts: (1) the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA); (2) the expansion of the eligibility of uses for Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy funding to allow for programming that supports small businesses and entrepreneurs.

The legislation is explicit in that the Ramsey County EDA does not have tax levy authority; this is intentional as the EDA will only receive and spend funding from the existing HRA levy and requires cities within Ramsey County HRA's area of operation to provide a resolution of support for this expanded use of HRA funding. Cities who choose not to opt-in to this expanded use of eligibility will continue to retain current programmatic uses of HRA funding, e.g. investments in affordable housing infrastructure, Emerging and Diverse Developers, First Home downpayment assistance, Critical Corridors, Site Assessment Grants, etc.

This board action is the first of several steps to formally establish and implement the EDA. The first step required under Minnesota Statute 645.021 (Special Laws) is the Ramsey County Board, by a majority vote, approve the creation of the EDA prior to the beginning of the next legislative session. The Chief Clerk must file with the Secretary of State a Certificate "stating the essential facts necessary to valid Board Approval which must include a copy of the resolution of approval." This step is necessary so that the law is not deemed "disapproved" by the State due to missing the Statute's mandatory time limit for Board approval. Additional steps that must be taken are the appointment of sitting commissioners, revising the area of EDA/HRA operation, and revisions to the Administrative Code to reflect a new entity. These steps are necessary, however, may be undertaken after Board approval and filing of the Certificate with the Secretary of State.

In 2025, the state legislature passed a law to allow this establishment, specific to Ramsey County. The Ramsey County EDA will not have tax levy authority; this is intentional as the EDA will only receive and spend funding from the existing HRA levy. This allows additional flexibility of funding from the HRA levy, which is limited by statute to spending on affordable housing and redevelopment purposes only. This board action is the first of multiple steps to establish and implement the EDA.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Create the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority.
2. Direct the Chief Clerk to execute the certificate and file a copy with the Minnesota Secretary of State.

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

Aye: - 6: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: - 1: McGuire

By: Jason Yang  
 Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board

**I, Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board, duly appointed and qualified for Ramsey County, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution (B2025-229), passed by the Board of Commissioners on 12/02/2025.**

Attest: Jason Yang  
 Chief Clerk - County Board, Jason Yang

12/02/2025  
 Date Certified

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 Secretary of State, Steve Simon