

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE LAND DONATION OF 0 MYSTIC STREET, SAINT PAUL TO RAMSEY COUNTY AND TO CONVEY THE DONATED LAND AS PARKLAND

This Ordinance authorizes the land donation between the County of Ramsey and Ardella Ankrum. The parcel owned by Ardella Ankrum is adjacent to land within Battle Creek Regional Park.

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, Ardella Ankrum is the fee owner of the property commonly known as “0 Mystic Street”, legally described as Lot 40, Block 9, and that part adjoining Lots 29 and 30, Block 9 of Lot A, Burlington Heights Division No. 2, Ramsey County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ankrum is proposing a donation of the property to Ramsey County as parkland; and

WHEREAS, The property is located along the Mississippi River bluff line south of Lower Afton Road and is bordered by two existing Mississippi River Bluff Protection Open Space properties (currently Battle Creek Regional Park property); and

WHEREAS, The subject property is a landlocked parcel of land approximately .263 acres in size and is undevelopable due to existing topographic conditions; and

WHEREAS, A due diligence review was completed for the subject property including a title review, site inspections and property appraisal. The property appraisal valued the property at \$14,300; and

WHEREAS, The Parks & Recreation department recommends approval for the donation of 0 Mystic Street to Ramsey County. In addition, the Parks & Recreation department recommends conveying 0 Mystic Street to parkland within Battle Creek Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, All cost associated with the land donation for 0 Mystic Street will be paid by Ramsey County totaling approximately \$1,765 and consists of a land appraisal, title review, closing costs, and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.01 requires that certain acts of the Ramsey County Board shall be by ordinance, including section 5.01.A.7 (“Convey or lease, or authorize the conveyance or lease of any park of lands of the County”); and

WHEREAS, Section 5.01 is silent regarding real property acquisitions of park land pursuant to donation/gift, section 5.04.A.8 specifically excludes “park land acquired by gift” from acts of the County Board pursuant to Resolution; therefore, the appropriate procedure in this instance is by Ordinance under section 5.01; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.02 states each proposed ordinance shall receive two readings: first, at the time it is presented, and second, at the time of the public hearing as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Both readings may be waived if a copy of the ordinance is supplied to each member of the County Board prior to its introduction; and

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RASMEY DOES ORDAIN, the land donation between the County of Ramsey and Ardella Ankrum as part of Battle Creek Regional Park and described in Attachment 1, is hereby approved;

And Does Further

ORDAIN, That the Chair and Chief Clerk are authorized to execute the documents necessary to implement the land donation; and Does Further

ORDAIN, That this Ordinance shall not be effective until forty-five (45) days after publication of the Ordinance and the minutes in order to permit filing of any initiative and referendum in accordance with the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter.