



PROPOSED ORDINANCE

An ordinance requiring the establishment of the Housing Stability Department

WHEREAS, Housing stability for our residents has been a focus of Ramsey County for the last decade, but progress and coordination across stakeholders has been difficult to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Building on the work of the Interdepartmental Housing Council, in 2019 an interim manager of Housing Stability was appointed to increase responsiveness and improve service coordination; and

WHEREAS, This work has previously been done within the Health and Wellness Service Team and the Incident Management Team; and

WHEREAS, The 2020-2021 budget included an initiative to effectively address homelessness by reducing fragmentation in our current system through reorganization; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a Housing Stability Department will align all county housing services, resources, staffing and programs in one organization; the financing and development of housing infrastructure will be consolidated within the Community and Economic Department, which is within the Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has determined that it would be in the best interests of the County to establish the Department of Housing Stability, and place it within the Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; and

WHEREAS, After establishing the Housing Stability Department, budget and full time equivalents supporting the housing stability functions will be transferred to the department from the Health and Wellness Service Team and Incident Management Team; 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 Housing Stability Department, which shall be placed within the Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; and Be It Further

ORDAINED, That the budget and full time equivalents supporting the housing stability functions will be transferred to the department from the Health and Wellness Service Team and the Incident Management Team.