

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #11-01-___

RESOLUTION REQUESTING REPEAL/NO REAUTHORIZATION AND NO EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRITICAL CORRIDOR AREA (MRCCA) RULEMAKING

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Critical Corridor Area (MRCCA) is a 72 mile section of the Mississippi extending from the cities of Dayton and Ramsey to the confluence with the St. Croix River; and

WHEREAS, the MRCCA was established in 1976 and reaffirmed with executive order 79-19; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Minnesota Legislature authorized the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish rules for the MRCCA requiring the DNR to:

1. Determine the number and character of districts within each municipality; and
2. Establish, by rule, minimum guidelines and standards for the districts including the intent of each district and identification of key resources and features to be protected or enhanced. This is to be done while taking into account municipal plans, policies, existing ordinances and existing conditions.

WHEREAS, although the proposed draft standards attempt to address many of the concerns the City of Ramsey with the current rules, the proposed districts do not adequately take into account existing conditions and existing plans, policies and ordinances and do not represent the interests of local communities within the corridor as a whole; and

WHEREAS, if adopted as proposed, the rules will place additional restrictions on certain public and private property owners, interfere with local land use and zoning activities, and impact the ability to operate and maintain park and roadways systems.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

1. The Minnesota Legislature should repeal State Statute Chapter 172, Article 2, Section 5 (e) and Section 27 and leave in place existing standards and guidelines.
2. If requested, the Minnesota Legislature should not reauthorize State Statute Chapter 172, Article 2, Section 5 (e) and Section 27.
3. If requested, the Minnesota Legislature should not extend the deadline for MRCCA rulemaking authority under State Statute Chapter 172, Article 2, Section 5 (e) and Section 27.

4. That the Minnesota Legislature should direct the DNR to allow for local communities greater control of legislative authority within the corridor in order to update current plans to better reflect actual development patterns.

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The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 11th day of January, 2011.

Mayor Bob Ramsey

ATTEST:

City Clerk Jo Ann M. Thieling