

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

RESOLUTION #11-12-XXX

RESOLUTION REQUESTING NO CHANGE IN FISCAL DISPARITIES

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota adopted Minnesota Statute Section 473F – a system designed to share tax resources in the metropolitan area known as fiscal disparities; and,

WHEREAS, the idea of tax-base sharing is to narrow the gap between communities with a strong and growing commercial-industrial tax base and communities with small or stagnated commercial-industrial tax base. To lessen the difference between these “haves” and “have-nots,” the law requires that 40 percent of new commercial-industrial tax base be put back into the metropolitan pool and apportioned back to communities according to their population and overall tax base; and,

WHEREAS, tax base sharing makes sense because communities in the Twin Cities area are interdependent parts of a single economic entity. One city might provide a family with a place to live, another a place to work, another a place to attend school, another a place to shop, another a place to generate electricity to light their home, and another location to handle waste products; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota fiscal disparities tax sharing system is working and is making progress towards its objective; and,

WHEREAS, tax base sharing results in spreading the benefits of regional centers and facilities to communities that do not have them but whose taxpayers support them, either through sales or income taxes. Further, fiscal disparities helps promote orderly growth in the entire metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, fiscal disparities is an integral part of the metropolitan area’s property tax system, and is a fundamental benefit to the entire metropolitan area because it recognizes that communities are an interdependent economic unit – as shown by the recent formulation of the economic development organization called “Greater MSP”:

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

- 1) That the City of Ramsey respectfully requests the Governor and the Minnesota Legislature to support continuation of the current Fiscal Disparities Law.

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 ___ day of _____, 2011.

Mayor Bob Ramsey

ATTEST:

City Clerk Jo Ann M. Thieling