

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #10-10-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROACH TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRITICAL CORRIDOR RULEMAKING PROCESS THAT BALANCES THE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River Critical Corridor (the “Corridor”) as 72 mile section of the Mississippi River extending from Dayton and Ramsey to the confluence with the St. Croix River was first established in 1976 and was reaffirmed with executive order 79-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the original intent of the Corridor was to:

1. Protect and preserve a unique and valuable state and regional resource for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens for the state, region, and nation;
2. Prevent and mitigate irreversible damage to this state, regional and national resource;
3. Preserve and enhance its natural, aesthetic, cultural, and historical value for the public use;
4. Protect and preserve the river as an essential element in the national, state and regional transportation, sewer and water and recreational systems;
5. Protect and preserve biological and ecological functions of the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 Minnesota Legislature authorized the Department of Natural Resources (the “DNR”) to establish rules for the Mississippi River Critical Corridor requiring the DNR to:

1. Determine the appropriate number of districts within each municipality;
2. Take into account municipal plans and policies, and existing ordinances and conditions;
3. Consider the protection of key, identified resources and features; and

**WHEREAS**, said direction by the Legislature required that the DNR establish, by rule, minimum guidelines and standards for the districts, which shall include the intent of each district, key resources and features to be protected or enhanced while taking into account municipal plans and policies and existing ordinances and conditions.

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

1. The City supports the recognition of the unique urban character of the Mississippi River along the defined critical corridor and we urge the DNR to develop rules that recognize the multi-purpose nature of the river and to respect the insight and knowledge of local units of government that have developed an effective regulatory framework; and
2. The City supports the accounting for existing ordinances, conditions and municipal plans and policies in the rulemaking process and recognize that existing rules do not match existing development patterns and that land use districts in the City are in need of amending in both existing rules and proposed rules; and

3. The City discourages the inclusion of policies that hamper economic development, redevelopment, and property rights of existing property owners along the river within the context of existing ordinances, conditions and municipal plans and policies; and
4. The city encourages the DNR to strike a balance that preserves and enhances the environmental, cultural, recreational, and economic functions of the Mississippi River.

The motion for the 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk