

Mayor Ramsey introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #10-08-193

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING COMMENTS TO FIRST DRAFT OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER
CORRIDOR CRITICAL AREA (MRCCA) RULES**

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Minnesota Legislature directed the DNR to establish districts within the MRCCA, minimum guidelines for standards in the districts, take into account municipal plans and policies as well as existing ordinances and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the rulemaking requires the DNR to establish districts within the MRCCA, minimum guidelines for standards in the districts, take into account municipal plans and policies as well as existing ordinances and conditions; and

WHEREAS, as part of the rulemaking process, working groups were established of 15-20 people set to convene three or four times from March 2010 to September 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City has participated in these working groups and has had the opportunity to review and comment the proposed rules; and

WHEREAS, the City understands the importance of the key resource that is the Mississippi River and that additional protections may be warranted.

**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 requests that the DNR not require of the City to be placed in both the Wild and Scenic and MRCCA Overlay.
- 2) That the City requests that the DNR only implement the minimum standards in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the MRCCA in compliance with the Executive Order implementing the MRCCA and provide evidence as to the minimum standards.
- 3) That the City approves of the tiered land use district approach.
- 4) That the City requested additional protections, possibly a separate land use district, for those parcels already develop that may be impacted by lawful, non-conforming statuses above and beyond what is provided in MN Statute 462.357.
- 5) That the City requests that the Metropolitan Council be involved to a greater degree to ensure continuity between approved comprehensive plans and MRCCA plans in that

there are conflicts in approved densities and land uses which drastically change how the City will be required to plan for future land use working within the regional framework.

- 6) That the City requests that the DNR incorporate the Statement of Principles and Specific District Comments provided by the Northwest Working Group.
- 7) That the City requests the DNR ensure compliance with the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, most notably densities consistent with Low Density Residential (LDR) as defined in the plan.
- 8) That the City requests the DNR ensure the ability to expand roadways to meet safety and capacity needs without additional, burdensome review and accept proper environmental studies as evidence of compliance with protection of key resources.
- 9) That the City requests the DNR consider the approved Surface Water Management Plan of the City as sufficient stormwater management plans and allow the City's Engineering Division to implement accepted Best Management Practices (BMPs) without additional review.
- 10) That the City requests the DNR consider alternatives to vegetative buffers for stormwater management and erosion control.
- 11) That the City requests the DNR consider refraining from using 'one size fits all' buffer. Much of Ramsey can be characterized as open prairie lands. Any proposed buffers shall match native canopy cover and existing conditions where feasible.
- 12) That the City requests the DNR consider protecting public and private access to the river.
- 13) That the City requests the DNR ensure that public parks are able to develop that will enhance the experience and protection of the river.

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

Mayor Ramsey
Councilmember Elvig
Councilmember Dehen
Councilmember Look
Councilmember McGlone
Councilmember Wise

and the following voted against the same:

None


and the following abstained:

None

and the following were absent:

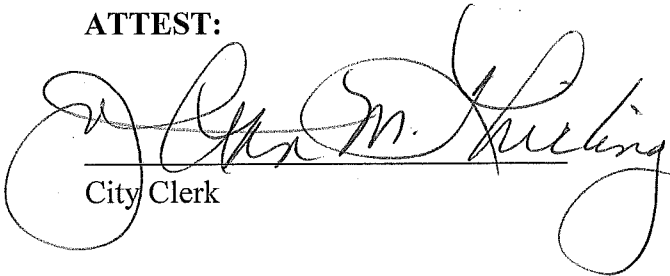
Councilmember Jeffrey

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 24th day of August, 2010.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk