

RESOLUTION R2019-031

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE SUPPORTING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FEES

WHEREAS, the City of Shakopee and its neighboring cities are growing; and

WHEREAS, with growth comes not only the need to maintain existing street infrastructure to support current population requirements, but also the demands of increased population; and

WHEREAS, developers, builders and new homeowners are driving the need for road improvements, street oversizing, street redesign and street reconstruction in some of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, municipal statutory authority appropriately exists for fees related to parks, sewer and water; and

WHEREAS, this municipal statutory authority does not exist for infrastructure development fees; and

WHEREAS, city streets are one of the four major types of infrastructure local government is responsible to provide to protect public safety and health; and

WHEREAS, city streets represent a separate but integral piece of the network of roads supporting movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, existing funding mechanisms, such as Municipal State Aid, property taxes and special assessments, have limited applications, leaving cities under-equipped to address growing needs; and

WHEREAS, funding sources for larger streets and intersections to support new developments in neighboring cities can often come from infrastructure development fees; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure development fee mechanism is no longer allowed as a result of the *Harstad vs. Woodbury* case; and

WHEREAS, some of our neighboring cities have found it difficult to develop adequate funding systems to support their needed street improvements related to growth; and

WHEREAS, cities need flexible policies and greater resources in order to meet growing demands for street improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Shakopee supports legislation that would authorize cities to levy infrastructure development fees to fund municipal street improvements as a necessary component of growth.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2019.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK