

FINANCE COMMITTEE

08-0693R

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$2,610,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, SERIES 2008E; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND FORM THEREOF; CREATING A DEBT SERVICE FUND THEREFOR; AND AWARDING THE SALE THEREOF.

CITY PROPOSAL:

BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the city of Duluth, Minnesota (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. Certificate Purpose and Authorization.

1.01 Under and pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 410.32 and 412.301 and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475 (collectively, the "Act"), and the City Charter, the City is authorized to issue its general obligation capital equipment certificates of indebtedness to provide funds to purchase capital equipment having an expected useful life at least as long as the term of the certificates of indebtedness.

1.02 The city council adopted Resolution No. 07-0762 on December 3, 2007 (the "Intent Resolution"), declaring the intention of the City to issue such certificates of indebtedness in the amount of approximately \$2,600,000 to finance the purchase of capital equipment authorized by the Act and to pay for costs of issuance of such certificates of indebtedness. It is hereby certified that the amount of the certificates of indebtedness to be issued by the City pursuant to this resolution is less than 0.25 percent of the market value of the taxable property of the City.

1.03 The city council hereby determines that it is necessary and expedient to issue \$2,610,000 General Obligation Equipment Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2008E, of the City (the "Certificates") to provide funds to purchase capital equipment authorized by the Act, to pay certain expenses incurred in the issuance of the Certificates and to pay a portion of the interest cost of the issue, as allowed by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.56. The capital equipment to be purchased with the proceeds of the Certificates will have a useful life of more than five years.

1.04 Public Financial Management, Inc., financial consultant to the City, has given notification by mail, facsimile or electronic data transmission to at least five firms determined by Public Financial Management, Inc. to be prospective bidders on the Certificates at least two days (omitting Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) before the date set for receipt of bids on the Certificates. All actions of the mayor, the clerk and Public Financial Management, Inc. taken with regard to the sale of the Certificates are hereby ratified and approved.

1.05 Pursuant to such solicitation for bids for the sale of the Certificates, the city council has received and considered all bids presented pursuant to the official terms of offering and has determined that the most favorable bid is that of _____ of _____, _____ (the "Purchaser"), to purchase the Certificates at a cash price of \$_____, upon condition that the Certificates mature and bear interest at the times and annual rates set forth in Section 2. The City, after due consideration, finds such bid reasonable and proper and the bid of the Purchaser is hereby accepted. Upon receipt of the good faith deposit, the mayor and the city clerk are authorized and directed to execute on the part of the City a contract for the sale of the Certificates in accordance with the Purchaser's bid. The city treasurer is directed to deposit the good faith check of the successful bidder. In the event the Purchaser fails to provide the good faith deposit in accordance with the Official Terms of Offering, the mayor shall reject the Purchaser's bid and may award the sale of the Certificates to the bidder with the next best bid, or if such next best bidder fails to enter into a contract for sale of the Certificates and fails to satisfy such deposit requirements, the mayor is authorized to schedule a sale of the Certificates in substantial conformance with the Official Terms of Offering. All actions of the mayor and the clerk and Public Financial Management, Inc., independent financial advisor to the City, taken with regard to the sale of the Certificates are hereby

ratified and approved.

Section 2. Terms, Execution and Delivery of the Certificates.

2.01 The Certificates to be issued hereunder shall be dated the date of delivery, as the date of original issue, shall be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof, in fully registered form and lettered and numbered R-1 and upward. The Certificates shall mature on February 1 in the respective years and amounts stated and shall bear interest as follows:

Year	Amount	Interest Rate
2010	\$480,000	
2011	505,000	
2012	525,000	
2013	540,000	
2014	560,000	

2.02 The Certificates are not subject to redemption and prepayment before maturity.

2.03 The interest shall be payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 and in each year (each referred to herein as an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing August 1, 2009. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Bond Registrar designated below shall make all interest payments with respect to the Certificates by check or draft mailed to the registered owners of the Certificates shown on the bond registration records maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date at such owners' addresses shown on such bond registration records.

2.04 The Certificates shall be prepared for execution in accordance with the approved form and shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the mayor and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the city clerk. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on the Certificates shall cease to be an officer before delivery of the

Certificates, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, as if he or she had remained in office until delivery. The city clerk is authorized and directed to obtain a copy of the proposed approving legal opinion of Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., Duluth, Minnesota, which is to be complete except as to dating thereof and cause the opinion to be printed on or attached to each Certificate.

2.05 The city council hereby appoints Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as registrar, authenticating agent, paying agent and transfer agent for the Certificates (such bank or its successor is herein referred to as the "Bond Registrar"). To provide for the Bond Registrar services, the mayor and the clerk are authorized and directed to execute a bond registrar/paying agent agreement substantially in the form of the agreement currently on file in the office of the city clerk as public document No. 04-0219-02. No Certificate shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Bond Registrar's authentication certificate on such Certificate, substantially set forth in Section 2.11 hereof, shall have been duly executed by an authorized representative of the Bond Registrar. Authentication certificates on different Certificates need not be signed by the same representative. The manual signature of one officer of the City or the executed authentication certificate on each Certificate shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this resolution.

2.06 (a) In order to make the Certificates eligible for the services provided by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), the City has previously agreed to the applicable provisions set forth in the blanket issuer letter of representations which has been executed by the City and DTC (the "Representation Letter").

(b) All of the Certificates shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Payment of interest on and principal of any Certificate registered in the name of Cede & Co. shall be made by wire transfer

or New York Clearing House or equivalent same day funds by 10:00 a.m. CT or as soon as possible thereafter following the Bond Registrar's receipt of funds from the City of each Interest Payment Date to the account of Cede & Co. on each Interest Payment Date at the address indicated in or pursuant to the Representation Letter.

(c) Additional matters with respect to, among other things, notices, consents and approvals by Certificate holders and payments on the Certificates are set forth in the Representation Letter.

2.07 The City shall cause to be kept by the Bond Registrar a bond register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as the Bond Registrar may prescribe, the City shall provide for the registration of the Certificates and the registration of transfers of the Certificates entitled to be registered or transferred as herein provided. In the event of the resignation or removal of the Bond Registrar or its incapability of acting as such, the bond registration records shall be maintained at the office of the successor Bond Registrar as may be appointed by the city council. Upon surrender for transfer of any Certificate at the principal corporate office of the Bond Registrar, the City shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, if required by law or this resolution, and deliver, in the name(s) of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Certificates of the like aggregate principal amount, as requested by the transferor.

2.08 Each Certificate delivered upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Certificate shall carry all of the rights to interest, accrued and unpaid and to accrue, which are carried by such other Certificate. Each Certificate shall be dated by the Bond Registrar as of the date of its authentication. The City and the Bond Registrar shall not be required to make any transfer or exchange of any Certificates called for redemption or to make any such exchange or transfer of the Certificates during the 15 days next preceding the date of the first publication of the notice of redemption in the case of a

proposed redemption of the Certificates.

2.09 The City and the Bond Registrar may treat the person in whose name any Certificate is registered as the owner of such Certificate for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Certificate and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Certificate be overdue, and neither the City nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

2.10 The principal of and interest on the Certificates shall be payable by the Bond Registrar, as paying agent, in such funds as are legal tender for the payment of debts due the United States of America. The City shall pay the reasonable and customary charges of the Bond Registrar for the disbursement of principal and interest.

2.11 The Certificates shall be printed or typewritten in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

CITY OF DULUTH

GENERAL OBLIGATION EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATE
OF INDEBTEDNESS, SERIES 2008E

R-__ \$_____

Interest Rate Maturity Date Date of Original Issue CUSIP
 February 1, ____ December __, 2008

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

The City of Duluth, in St. Louis County, Minnesota (the "City"), for value received, promises to pay to the registered owner specified above, or registered assigns, the principal amount specified above on the maturity date specified above, and to pay interest on said principal amount to the registered owner hereof from the Date of Original Issue, or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount is paid or discharged, said interest being at the rate per annum specified above. Interest is payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year (each referred to herein as an "Interest Payment Date") commencing on August 1,

2009. Both principal and interest are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft at the office of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the registrar, paying agent, transfer agent and authenticating agent (the "Bond Registrar"), or at the office of such successor bond registrar as may be designated by the city council. The Bond Registrar shall make the interest payment with respect to this Certificate on the Interest Payment Date directly to the registered owner hereof shown on the bond registration records maintained on behalf of the City by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the Interest Payment Date (whether or not a business day), at such owner's address shown on said bond registration records, without, except for payment of principal on the Certificate, the presentation or surrender of this Certificate, and all such payments shall discharge the obligations of the City to the extent of the payments so made. Payment of principal shall be made upon presentation and surrender of this Certificate to the Bond Registrar when due. For the prompt and full payment of such principal and interest as they become due, the full faith and credit of the City are irrevocably pledged.

This Certificate is one of a series issued by the City in the aggregate amount of \$2,610,000, all of like date and tenor, except as to number, amount, maturity date and interest rate, pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 410.32 and 412.301 and Chapter 475, the City Charter and all other laws thereunto enabling, and pursuant to an authorizing resolution adopted by the governing body of the City on November 20, 2008 (the "Resolution"), and is issued for the purpose of providing money, together with other available funds, for the purchase of capital equipment. The City has levied a direct, annual ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City which shall be extended upon the tax rolls for the years and in the amounts sufficient to produce sums not less than five percent in excess of the amounts of principal and interest on the Certificates, as such principal and interest respectively come due. The Certificates are not subject to redemption and prepayment before maturity.

The Certificates of this series are issued as fully registered obligations without coupons, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Subject to limitations set forth in the Resolution, this Certificate is transferable by the registered owner hereof upon surrender of this Certificate for transfer at the principal corporate office of the Bond Registrar, duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and executed by the registered owner hereof or the owner's attorney duly authorized in writing. Thereupon the City shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, if required by law and this Resolution, and deliver, in exchange for this Certificate, one or more new fully registered certificates in the name of the transferee, of an authorized denomination, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of this Certificate, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

IT IS CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts and conditions required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota to be done, and to exist precedent to and in the issuance of this

Certificate in order to make it a valid and binding general obligation of the City in accordance with its terms, have been done and do exist in form, time, and manner as so required; that all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to the extent needed to pay the principal hereof and the interest thereon when due, without limitation as to rate or amount; and that the issuance of this Certificate does not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

This Certificate shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Resolution until the Bond Registrar's Authentication Certificate hereon shall have been executed by the Bond Registrar by one of its authorized representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the city of Duluth, by its city council, has caused this Certificate to be executed in its name by the facsimile signatures of the mayor and the city clerk.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor

Date of Authentication: _____

BOND REGISTRAR'S AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE

The Bond Registrar confirms that the books reflect the ownership of a Certificate registered in the name of the owner named above, in the principal amount stated above, and this Certificate is one of the Certificates of the series issued pursuant to the Resolution hereinabove described.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Bond Registrar

By _____
Authorized Representative

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This Certificate must be registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the owner on the books to be kept by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Bond Registrar. No transfer of this Certificate shall be valid unless made on said books by the registered owner or the owner's attorney thereunto duly authorized and similarly noted on the registration books. The ownership of the unpaid principal balance of this Certificate and the interest accruing thereon is registered on the books of the City in the name of the registered owner last noted below.

Date	Registered Owner	Signature of Bond Registrar
12/___/08	Cede & Co. c/o The Depository Trust Company 55 Water Street New York, NY 10041 Federal Taxpayer I.D. No.: 13-2555119	_____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns, and transfers unto _____

(Name and Address of Assignee)

_____ Social Security or Other
_____ Identifying Number of Assignee

the within Certificate and all rights thereunder and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ attorney to transfer the said Certificate on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature of this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Certificate in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

(Bank, Trust Company, member of National Securities Exchange)

Unless this Certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the City or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL, inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

Section 3. Covenants, Accounts and Representations.

3.01 The City has created a separate acquisition account within the Capital Equipment Fund 250 to which there shall be credited \$_____ from the proceeds for the Certificates, together with any additional funds which may be available and are appropriated for the capital equipment purchase program. This account shall be used only to pay or reimburse other City funds or accounts for "capital equipment," as described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.301, with an expected useful life of at least five years, and costs of issuance of the Certificates, as such payments become due. The City's intent is to acquire and finance the capital equipment listed in the Intent Resolution with the proceeds of the Certificates.

3.02 (a) There shall be and is hereby levied a direct, annual, ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City, which shall be extended upon the tax rolls for the years and in amounts sufficient to produce sums not less than 5% in excess of the amounts of principal and interest on the Certificates as such principal and interest respectively become due as follows:

Levy Year	Collection Year	Tax Levy
2008	2009	*\$
2009	2010	
2010	2011	
2011	2012	
2012	2013	

*anticipatory tax levy

(b) A separate debt service account is hereby created and designated as the "2008 G.O. Equipment Certificates Debt Service Account" (the "Debt Service Fund") within the City's debt service fund. The money in the Debt Service Fund shall be used for no purpose other than the payment of principal and interest on the Certificates; provided, however, that if any payment of principal or interest shall become due when there is not sufficient money in the Debt Service Fund, the treasurer shall pay the same from any other funds of the City and said funds shall be reimbursed for such advance out of the proceeds of the taxes hereinafter

levied when collected. Into the Debt Service Fund shall be credited the amount of accrued interest, if any, paid by the Purchaser upon closing and delivery of the Certificates.

3.03 If the balance in the Debt Service Fund is ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest then due on the Certificates, the treasurer shall nevertheless provide sufficient money from any other funds of the City which are available for that purpose, and such other funds shall be reimbursed from the Debt Service Fund when the balance therein is sufficient. All proceeds of said taxes will be appropriated and paid when collected into the Debt Service Fund. Said taxes shall be irrevocable until the Certificates and interest are fully paid, except that if the City in any year shall make an irrevocable appropriation to said accounts of monies actually on hand, the city clerk shall certify to the county auditor of St. Louis County the fact and the amount thereof, and the county auditor shall reduce by the amount so certified the amount otherwise to be included in the rolls next thereafter prepared.

3.04 The full faith and credit and taxing power of the City are irrevocably pledged for the prompt and full payment of the Certificates and the interest thereon, in accordance with the terms set forth in this resolution.

3.05 Proceeds of the Certificates on deposit in the acquisition account created in Section 3.01 and in the Debt Service Fund may, in the discretion of the city treasurer, be invested in securities permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 118A; provided, that any such investment shall mature at such time and in such amounts as will permit the payment of costs for the equipment purchases and/or payment of the principal and interest on the Certificates when due.

Section 4. Tax Covenants.

4.01 The City covenants and agrees with the holders of the Certificates that the City will (I) take all action on its part necessary to assure that the interest on the Certificates will be excluded from gross income for federal income taxes including, without limitations, restricting, to the extent

necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Certificates and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Certificates to be subject to federal income taxes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Certificates and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes.

4.02 (a) No portion of the proceeds of the Certificates shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments or to replace funds which were used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments, except (i) for a reasonable temporary period until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Certificates were issued, and (ii) in addition to the above, in an amount not greater than the lesser of five percent of the proceeds of the Certificates or \$100,000. To this effect, any proceeds of the Certificates and any sums from time to time held in the Debt Service Fund (or any other City account which will be used to pay principal and interest to become due on the Certificates) in excess of amounts which under the applicable federal arbitrage regulations may be invested without regard as to yield shall not be invested at a yield in excess of the applicable yield restrictions imposed by the arbitrage regulations on such investments after taking into account any applicable temporary periods of minor portion made available under the federal arbitrage regulations.

(b) In addition, the proceeds of the Certificates and money in the Debt Service Fund shall not be invested in obligations or deposits issued by, guaranteed by or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof if and to the extent that such investment would cause the Certificates to be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

(c) The City hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the

Certificates, or to cause or permit them to be used, in such a manner as to cause the Certificates to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code.

4.03 (a) Pursuant to Section 1.148-7(d) of the Treasury Regulations, relating to exception from rebate, the City hereby covenants that with respect to the gross proceeds of the Certificates, the following schedule will be met: (I) at least 15% of the gross proceeds of the Certificates will be allocated to expenditures for the governmental purpose of the Certificates within six months of the date of issue of the Certificates; (ii) at least 60% of such proceeds will be allocated for such purposes within the one year period of such date; and (iii) 100% of such proceeds will be allocated for such purposes within the 18 month period beginning on such date; subject to an exception for reasonable retainage of 5% of the available proceeds of the Certificates, and that 100% of the available proceeds of the Certificates will be allocated within 30 months from the date of issue of the Certificates.

(b) The City shall use its best efforts to comply with any federal procedural requirements which may apply in order to effectuate the designation made by this section.

Section 5. Continuing Disclosure. The City acknowledges that the Certificates are subject to the continuing disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. §240.15c2-12) (the "Rule"). The Rule governs the obligations of certain underwriters to require that issuers of municipal bonds enter into agreements for the benefit of the bondholders to provide continuing disclosure with respect to the Certificates. To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Certificates and the security therefor and to permit underwriters of the Certificates to comply with the Rule, which will enhance the marketability of the Certificates, the mayor and the clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Continuing Disclosure Certificate

substantially in the form of the Certificate on file in the office of the city clerk as public document No. 04-0219-02.

Section 6. Certificates of Proceedings.

6.01 The city clerk is directed to file in the office of the county auditor of St. Louis County a certified copy of this resolution, and such other information as the county auditor may require, and to obtain from the county auditor and provide to bond counsel a certificate stating that the Certificates herein authorized have been duly entered on the county auditor's register.

6.02 The officers of the City are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to bond counsel certified copies of all proceedings and records of the City pertaining to the authorization, issuance, and sale of the Certificates and such other affidavits and certificates as may reasonably be required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Certificates, as such facts appear from the official books and records of the officers' custody or are otherwise known. All such certified copies, certificates, and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, constitute representations of the City as to the correctness of facts recited therein and the actions stated therein to have been taken.

6.03 The mayor and the city clerk are hereby authorized and directed to certify that they have examined the official statement prepared and circulated in connection with the issuance and sale of the Certificates and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the official statement is a complete and accurate representation of the facts and representations made therein as for the date of the official statement.

6.04 In the event of the absence or disability of the mayor or the city clerk, such officers as in the opinion of the City attorney, may act in their behalf, shall without further act or authorization, execute and deliver the Certificates, and do all things and execute all instruments and documents required to be done or executed by such absent or disabled officers.

6.05 In addition to the Certificates, the City is selling, pursuant to a single offering document and on the same date, the following obligations: General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008D (the "Series 2008D Bonds"), General Obligation Street Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2008F (the "Series 2008F Bonds"), and General Obligation Tax Increment Refunding Bonds, Series 2008G (the "Series 2008G Bonds"). The Certificates will not be paid out of substantially the same source of funds as the Series 2008F Bonds and the Series 2008G Bonds; consequently, the Certificates will not be combined with them for a single issue. However, the Certificates and the Series 2008D Bonds are expected to be paid from substantially the same source of funds and are an issue under Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(c).

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution establishes the terms and form and awards the sale of \$2,610,000 General Obligation Equipment Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2008E, to _____ at a true interest rate of __%.