

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

08-088-0

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RECONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY IN
LESTER PARK TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That the proper city officials are hereby authorized to reconvey the below-described property in St. Louis County, Minnesota, previously free-conveyed to the city, to the state of Minnesota:

Lots 1 through 6 and Lots 33 through 37, Block 64, Lester Park Fourth Division.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect 30 days from and after its passage and publication.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the reconveyance to the state of Minnesota of certain property which is located in Lester Park adjacent to the Lester Park golf course.

The property was originally tax-forfeited property which was conveyed to the city at no cost to be used exclusively for park and recreational purposes. Because the city received a "limited fee title" to the property, it cannot change the use of the property to another use; nor can it sell the property to another party for a different use.

The developer, Diamond Willow, wants to acquire this property and other adjacent city-owned property in order to construct a residential care facility. The developer has requested that the city reconvey this property to the state so that the commissioner of revenue can reconvey it to the city at its appraised value. The city will subsequently convey this property to Diamond Willow, along with the other adjacent city-owned property, at their appraised values. The reconveyance from the state to the city and the subsequent conveyance by the city to the developer will require separate city council actions.