

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

09-0393R

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE RIDING OR THE PROPELLING OF ANY SKATEBOARD ON ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY LOCATED IN SUBDISTRICT 1, SUBDISTRICT B OR SUBDISTRICT C IN THE DOWNTOWN WATERFRONT MIXED USE-DESIGN(DWMX-D) REVIEW DISTRICT.

BY COUNCILOR GARDNER:

WHEREAS, the Downtown Waterfront Mixed Use-Design Review District (DWMX-D), which encompasses the Canal Park area, was established to provide for a variety of compatible integrated land uses that will enhance the liveliness of the DWMX-D District and provide for a balance between tourist oriented attractions, public recreational facilities, commercial and industrial enterprises, residential uses and neighborhood services; and

WHEREAS, the abundance of services and public uses encompassed in the DWMX-D District Canal Park area results in a large volume of pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, business owners who operate within the DWMX-D District Canal Park area, officials from the Canal Park Business Association, and the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center have expressed concern over the increased use of skateboards in the area which has resulted in damage to public property and collisions with pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, skateboarding is not compatible with the varied public uses of the canal park area of the DWMX-D District and poses a safety threat to both skateboard riders and members of the public visiting the area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Duluth City Code Section 45-6.2(c), the city council hereby bans the riding or propelling of any skateboard on any public property located in Subdistrict A, Subdistrict B and Subdistrict C in the Downtown Waterfront Mixed Use-Design Review District as designated pursuant to Section 50-145 of the Duluth City Code, except that portion of the paved Lakewalk within the DWMX-D District lying northwesterly of the southeasterly line of East Morse Street extending to Lake Superior, but including both the north and south pier of the Duluth Ship Canal and the walkways

associated therewith.

Approved as to form:

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution prohibits skateboarding in subdistricts A, B and C of the Downtown Waterfront Mixed-Use Design Review District, which encompasses the Canal Park area. Canal Park is the centerpiece of Duluth's waterfront and is one of the state's top tourist destinations. The large number of people visiting this area creates congested pedestrian traffic and is not compatible with skateboards that lack steering and braking capabilities. To safeguard adults, children and pets visiting this area, skateboarding will no longer be permitted.