

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

10-0063R

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION TO NON-CONSERVATION AND SALE OF CERTAIN TAX FORFEITED PARCELS BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SAINT LOUIS COUNTY (DECEMBER 07, 2009, RECLASSIFICATION).

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city council objects to the reclassification to non-conservation and sale of the following tax forfeited parcels (FN 10006) by the board of county commissioners of Saint Louis County:

Parcel ID and legal description	Location	Reason
010-0440-00420 010-0440-00650 Centerdale Division Lots 1-10, 11-14	north side of West Third Street between Wheeler Field and the DM&IR Railroad (Denfeld)	acquire for addition to Wheeler Field Park
010-4570-01720 West Park Division Block 16, Lot 10	north side of Vernon Street near West Third Street (Lincoln Park)	36 inch storm sewer pipe crossing entire parcel

Approved as to form:

Attorney

PLANNING/PC KD:jab 1/15/2010

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution exercises authority granted to municipalities by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 282, to disapprove of reclassification of tax forfeited lands from conservation to nonconservation upon notification from the board of county commissioners.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 282.01, Subdivision 1, all parcels of land becoming the property of the state of Minnesota in trust through forfeiture for nonpayment of real estate taxes shall be classified or reclassified as "conservation" or "nonconservation." Lands classified conservation are those properties for which there is potential for some public purpose.

Several times per year the county board reclassifies tax forfeited land that it feels is appropriate for sale. The parcels listed in this resolution were previously classified "conservation," preventing them from being sold. The city is given notice of this reclassification and the opportunity to respond as to whether we agree or disagree with the reclassification. The city's response, via resolution, must be sent to the county within 60 days of our receiving the list.

The goals of the classification/reclassification and listing process include:

- (1) Encouraging the most economical and efficient use of property for transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education and recreation.
- (2) Reducing local government taxes.
- (3) Conserving and developing local natural resources.
- (4) Encouraging suitable economic development.

On December 7, 2009, the planning division received a list of 15 parcels of tax forfeited land reclassified to nonconservation status by the Saint Louis County Board of Commissioners. Planning division staff has reviewed all of the parcels with the city planning commission (at their January 12, 2010, regular meeting) recommending objection to the reclassification of three of the 15 parcels. In conducting the review, staff and the planning commission find continuing public purpose for retaining these parcels.

Summary of Recommendation	
Parcels reclassified by the county board:	15
Tracts for which the reclassification and sale is objected to:	3
Tracts for which the reclassification and sale is not objected to:	12