

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING  
PRIMITIVE CAMPING AT THE END OF MINNESOTA POINT.

BY COUNCILOR HARTMAN AND PRESIDENT ANDERSON:

WHEREAS, primitive camping is gaining popularity in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lake Superior is already home to several primitive camping options  
such as Porcupine Mountain State Park in Ontonogon, Michigan, and Grant Portage  
State Park in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the public park land at the end of Minnesota Point/Park Point is  
precious and environmentally valuable recreational land for the people of Duluth  
and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and measured use of this land will only help  
protect the old growth forest and other ecosystems of the park.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the city council hereby requests the Duluth  
parks and recreation commission to study the feasibility of establishing  
primitive camping at the end of Minnesota Point, past Sky Harbor Airport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the council requests the commission to view  
primitive camping as low impact camping with fire pits and centralized restroom  
and refuse facilities.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the council requests the commission determine the  
physical limitations and possibilities for said campsites, the possible costs

associated with establishing, operating and maintaining campsites, and other potential challenges and opportunities.

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution requests that the Duluth parks and recreation commission study the feasibility of establishing primitive camping at the end of Minnesota Point, past Sky Harbor Airport.