

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

11-0105R

RESOLUTION OPPOSING DETACHMENT OF SOUTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS FROM DULUTH AND SUPPORTING ANNEXATION TO PROCTOR, REFERRING ISSUE TO CHARTER COMMISSION AND PLANNING COMMISSION AND COMMITTING TO RECONSIDERATION.

BY COUNCILOR ANDERSON:

RESOLVED, that:

(a) The Duluth City Council hereby initially opposes the detachment of the South St. Louis County Fairgrounds, legally described on Public Document No. _____ on file in the office of the city clerk, from the city of Duluth and its annexation by the city of Proctor; and

(b) Said council hereby requests that the issue of the aforesaid detachment and annexation be referred to the City Charter commission and to the city planning commission for their review, comment and recommendation at their next meeting; and

(c) Upon such review, said council hereby commits to reconsider the issue of whether to recommend or to oppose such detachment of said fairgrounds from the city and its annexation to the city of Proctor.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

CCREQ/ATTY REA:dma 02/18/2011

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to initially disapprove the proposed deletion of the South St. Louis County Fairgrounds from the City of Duluth and its annexation to the City of Proctor until the Charter Commission and the Planning Commission have had the opportunity to review the issue and to make their recommendations on the issue to the Council.

The fairgrounds has been known in common parlance as "the Proctor Fairgrounds." While technically located within the City of Duluth, the property is physically and operationally isolated from Duluth. However, it is in close proximity to Proctor and all of its municipal services and, in addition, along with access from Boundary Avenue, a common public access to the fairgrounds is through the City of Proctor.

Proctor has been asked by the County to assume a more active role in the fairgrounds and is willing to do so but feels it is inappropriate to do so as long as the property is located outside of the City of Proctor and within the City of Duluth. Therefore Proctor has requested Duluth's cooperation in having the fairgrounds released from the jurisdiction of Duluth and having it annexed to the City of Proctor.

The fairgrounds presently lie within the boundaries of the City as described in the Charter and have historically been included in the City of Duluth. This resolution would initially express the City's disapproval of the proposed detachment and annexation but would refer the matter to the Charter Commission and the Planning Commission for their review and comment with a commitment that, once that input had been received, the Council would reconsider the matter.