

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY OF DULUTH ELECTION  
PRECINCTS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 204B.14, subd. 3(d), the election precincts as shown on Public Document No. \_\_\_\_\_, on file in the office of the city clerk, are hereby established in the city of Duluth.

Approved:

  
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Department Director

Approved for presentation to council:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Assistant

Approved as to form:

  
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Attorney

CLK UJC:jmr 3/6/2012

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution establishes election precincts that have been necessitated by the legislative redistricting and the need to equalize the population in the five city council districts.



**CITY OF DULUTH**  
**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**  
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Date: March 8, 2012

To: President Hartman and City Councilors

From: Jeff Cox, City Clerk

Subject: 2012 Council District Redistricting and Precinct Realignment.

I. For the purposes of this recommendation, I direct your attention to:

- A. The attached document entitled Council District Distribution, which is intend as a summary of the current and recommended council district population totals and their respective percentage deviations from the mean council district size.
- B. The maps at: <http://www.duluthmn.gov/clerk/maps.cfm> which is a graphic representation of the existing and proposed council district/precinct lines.

II. In simple terms, the process and goals were:

- A. Compile the population of the existing Council Districts with the 2010 census figures as reflected in the Council District Distribution form. (Under the heading labeled "Currently")
- B. Apply the new legislative lines to the map and note what precincts are affected by the legislative line changes.
- C. With the legislative lines being required to be precinct lines that cannot be changed, the process is to adjust a minimal amount of precinct lines to reduce the deviation between any council district to the mean council district size. Historically, an attempt has made to make the greatest deviation 2% or less. Note that, in making this adjustment census block figures are the smallest numerical unit that can be used to formulate the recommendation being presented, under the heading labeled "Proposed". Per city charter and state statute, after the census is final, the council has the responsibility to "determine whether or not the population of each council district is substantially the same" and to "equalize, as nearly as practical."

### III. Summary of the proposed changes: (See the map for specific lines)

- A. The recent legislative redistricting did make some significant changes, specifically in 1) splitting through Duluth Heights and 2) the westward line downward from 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to Lake Superior. Because of these and the need to achieve the lowest practical deviation from the mean council district size we are recommending the following:
  - 1. Create a precinct north of Maple Grove Road. (#23)
  - 2. Decrease the size of District 2 by:
    - a. Increasing the size of District 1 in the area of East 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Wallace Avenue.
    - b. Increasing the size of District 3 on the lower westward boundary.
  - 3. Decrease District 3 by increasing District 4 in the area west of North 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.
  - 4. Increase District 5 from District 4 in the area easterly of 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.
- B. These modest changes affecting the least amount of citizens with new precinct changes will:
  - 1. Incorporate the legislative lines as precinct lines.
  - 2. Adjust the greatest mean deviation between the Mean district size and a district to 1.79%. In comparison, prior councils approved deviations were: 1980 - 2.22%; 1990 - 1.97% and 2000 - 1.42%.
  - 3. Utilize polling sites better suited to handle the proposed precinct boundaries. We are finalizing the polling site locations and that resolution will be coming shortly.

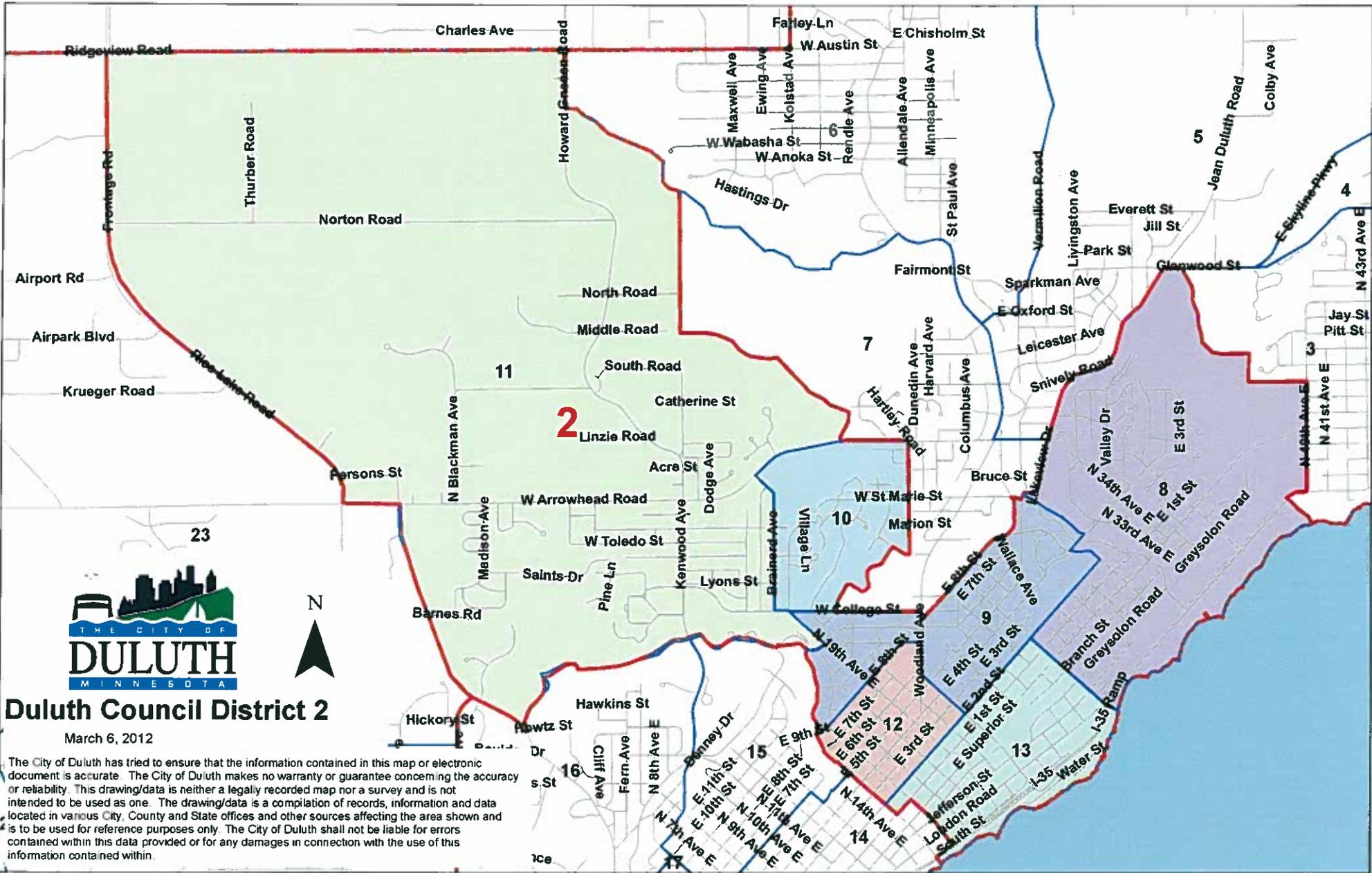
### IV. Timeline:

- A. March 12<sup>th</sup> – First reading of Ordinance establishing council districts. Resolution establishing precinct lines filed and tabled.
- B. March 26<sup>th</sup> - Passage of Ordinance establishing council districts and Resolution establishing precinct lines.
- C. April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Statutory deadline for cities to establish council districts and precincts.

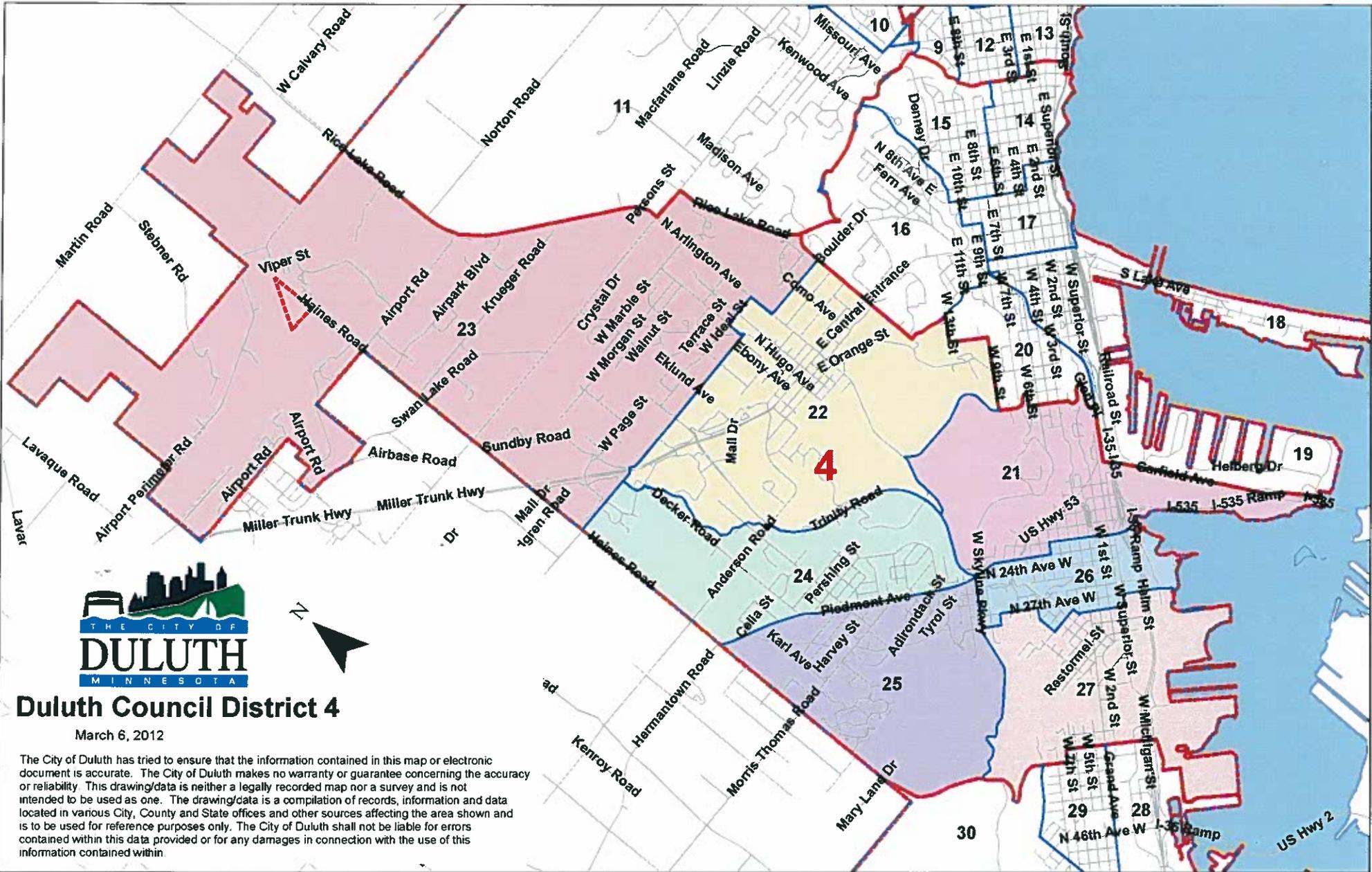
Please contact me with any questions that you may have.

COUNCIL DISTRICT DISTRIBUTION										(3/9/12)
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
CURRENTLY					PROPOSED					
2010	CENSUS	Total	Deviation	Percentage	2010	CENSUS	Total	Deviation	Percentage	
Precinct #	Population	Population	Difference	Deviation	Precinct #	Population	Population	Difference	Deviation	
1	2165				1	2165				
2	2044				2	2044				
3	2552				3	2552				
4	2157				4	2157				
5	2203				5	2203				
6	3931				6	3931				
7	2018				7	2449				
<b>1st Council District Total</b>		17070	-183	-1.06%			17501	248	1.44%	
8	2552				8	2552				
9	2433				9	2341				
10	2928				10	2928				
11	4894				11	4894				
12	2190				12	2537				
13	3180				13	2310				
<b>2nd Council District Total</b>		18177	924	5.36%			17562	309	1.79%	
14	3301				14	3542				
15	2133				15	2857				
16	2333				16	3236				
17	1504				17	2848				
18	1780				18	1282				
19	1972				19	1911				
20	1282				20	1518				
21	1187									
22	1683									
<b>3rd Council District Total</b>		17175	-78	-0.45%			17194	-59	-0.34%	
23	2011				21	2176				
24	1664				22	2421				
25	3162				23	2464				
26	2499				24	2440				
27	2290				25	2290				
28	2853				26	2853				
29	2608				27	2360				
<b>4th Council District Total</b>		17087	-166	-0.96%			17004	-249	-1.44%	
30	1608				28	1627				
31	2279				29	2508				
32	2863				30	2867				
33	1811				31	1807				
34	3264				32	3264				
35	1893				33	1893				
36	3038				34	3038				
<b>5th Council District Total</b>		16756	-497	-2.88%			17004	-249	-1.44%	
<b>TOTALS</b>		86265					86265			
<b>Mean</b>	<b>Size</b>	17253								
<b>Greatest % Deviation</b>										
<b>From Mean Size</b>				5.36%					1.79%	





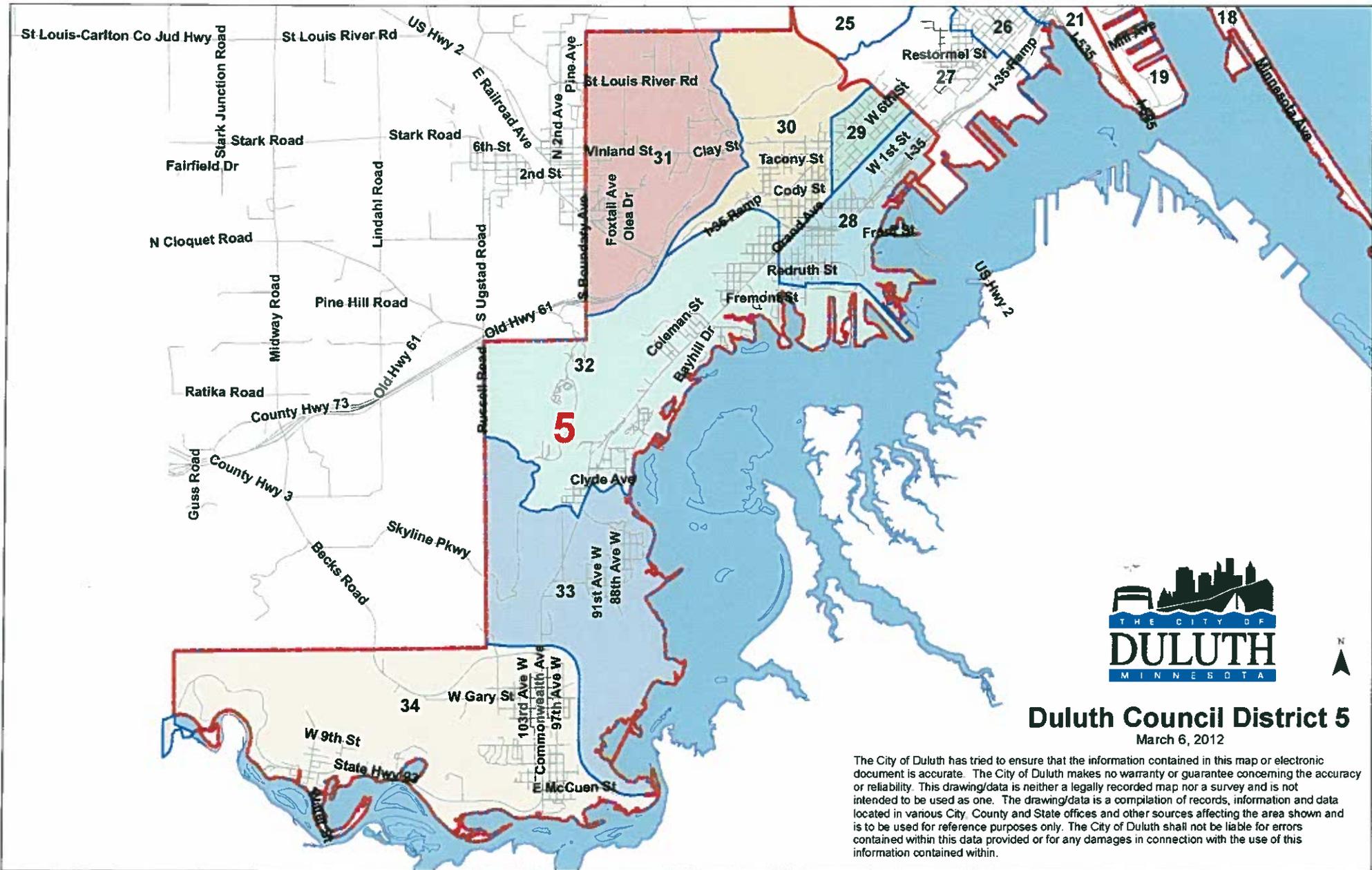




## Duluth Council District 4

March 6, 2012

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**Duluth Council District 5**  
March 6, 2012

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