

Council Agenda Item 25-0278R



MEETING DATE: April 28, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 89-0323 ESTABLISHING THE DULUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, MODIFYING COUNCIL APPROVAL THRESHOLDS FOR DEDA EXPENDITURES FROM \$100,000 TO \$150,000.

SUBMITTED BY: Tricia Hobbs – Executive Director, DEDA

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On January 22, 2025, DEDA approved Resolution 25D-02, a resolution requested amendment to DEDA establishment resolution. This resolution is a formal request by DEDA to the Duluth City Council for an amendment to the DEDA establishment resolution increasing the Council approval threshold for DEDA expenditures from \$100,000 to \$150,000. This requested change is intended to align the requirements for Council approval of DEDA expenditures with City purchasing standards.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council adopted Resolution 89-0323 on April 24, 1989, establishing the Duluth Economic Development Authority (“DEDA”), which has been further amended by Resolution 98-0949, Resolution 99-0239, Resolution, 02-0606, Resolution 04-0202, Resolution 04-0215, Resolution 09-0342, Resolution 10-0029, and Resolution 18-0516.

BACKGROUND: Per DEDA’s enabling (or establishment) resolution, any amendments to the enabling resolution must be approved by Council. Recently, the City of Duluth Purchasing Office updated their threshold for which Council approval is required, to align with State guidance. This increase brought the threshold from \$100,000 to \$150,000. To keep things clear and consistent with other City policies, DEDA would like to increase their threshold to \$150,000.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: None

OPTIONS: Approve to align DEDA threshold with other City of Duluth thresholds, or deny to keep the threshold as is.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve

ATTACHMENTS: None