

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 22-1055

BY COUNCILORS RANDORF AND MAYOU:

We move to amend Resolution 22-1055 as follows:

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, the city council finds as follows:

(a) The city desires to establish - in addition to the City's top legislative priorities - additional legislative priorities for 2023;

(b) The city has devoted meeting time and discussion to the city legislative priorities;

(c) The city supports the following legislative initiatives that are of interest to the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth's additional legislative priorities are:

- Endorsement and support of both the proposed Minnesota Health Plan and federal Medicare for All Act, or similar legislation;
- State funds for construction of affordable housing; state matching dollars for local housing trust funds; programs to provide emergency and long-term rental assistance, identifying and protecting Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing; and policies and funding to combat and prevent homelessness;
- A reduction in the class tax rate impacting the net tax capacity of parcels at the airport to stimulate local economic development;
- State funds to support dredging and a customs facility to further develop the market for the cruise ship industry in the Great Lakes;
- State funds to facilitate the redevelopment of Lot D;
- State general obligation bond proceeds for the Port Development Assistance Program;

- State funds for redevelopment and upgrades to the Armory;
- State funds for programs and incentives to expand and attract opportunities for film, television, and music production in Minnesota;
- State funds to improve access and affordability of child care throughout Minnesota;
- Increased funding for library programming and infrastructure;
- State funds to remove and replace lead service lines still in use throughout Minnesota;
- State funds to address the future of Highway 61 in downtown Duluth;
- State funds to improve access to universal, high quality broadband services for all Minnesotans;
- State funds to support local government efforts to remove and replace trees infested by emerald ash borer and development of markets for products utilizing the resulting wood waste;
- A statewide policy requiring employers to provide safe and sick time for employees;
- Renew the existing "half and half" tourism tax - a one-half of one percent increment in the City's lodging and restaurant taxes - effective July 1, 2024 for the new purpose of investing in capital improvements to existing and new amateur athletic venues so as to sustain and grow parks-based sports tourism, improve the condition of deteriorated parks, and enhance quality of life for Duluth residents; and
- State funds to support local Human Rights Offices; establishing satellite offices for the State Department of Human Rights throughout the state.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this motion to amend is to add endorsement and support for the proposed Minnesota Health Plan and federal Medicare for All Act, or similar legislation. The city council passed Resolution 21-0943R on December 6, 2021, requesting that the administration inform Duluth's state and federal

legislative delegation of the council's support of a well-designed and efficient public health finance system that guarantees health coverage for all individuals regardless of employment status.