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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY'S COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS CONSIDER HIGH DENSITY ZONING AS A TOOL TO PRESERVE GREEN SPACE AND TO PROTECT THE CITY'S VIEW SHED WHEN UPDATING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

..Body

BY COUNCILOR FILIPOVICH:

WHEREAS, additional outward development and sprawl puts additional strain on Duluth's infrastructure and aging utility system;

WHEREAS, high density housing and planning promotes walkability and bikeability;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Duluth value view sheds and taller, narrow buildings help preserve and can enhance view sheds;

WHEREAS, Duluth's green space is vitally important and outward development threatens the city's green space; and

WHEREAS, Duluth is a fully built city and upward development is generally less expensive than outward development.

RESOLVED, that the city council requests the city's community planning and economic development departments encourage and use high density zoning, building up rather than out, as a tool to preserve green space and to protect the city's view shed when updating the city's comprehensive plan.

..Statement of Purpose

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution promotes modern high-density planning for future development. High-density planning will help the city expand its tax base and at the same time not expand the city's extensive utility infrastructure. The city's community planning and economic development departments are encouraged to consider and study the use of high density zoning to protect the city's green spaces and view sheds when updating the city's comprehensive plan.