



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION STUDY STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT CORE INVESTMENT AREAS AND TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

BY COUNCILOR FORSMAN AND PRESIDENT HOBBS:

WHEREAS, the city of Duluth approved the Imagine Duluth 2035 update to the comprehensive plan on June 11, 2018, Resolution No. 18-240; and

WHEREAS, core investment areas were identified in the Imagine Duluth 2035 plan as major transformational opportunities to promote growth and redevelopment, as well as accomplish policy goals in economic development, housing, transportation, and energy and conservation; and

WHEREAS, potential strategies for encouraging and accelerating future development in the core investment areas to accomplish policy goals could include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Reduced building permitting and utility connection fees;
- (2) Streamlined/expedited permitting and licensing approval process;
- (3) By-right zoning to encourage redevelopment, increased housing density to support retail/service/commerce, and building types that will allow for development of new professional offices for job creation in neighborhoods; and
- (4) Relaxation of parking requirements paired with implementation of residential parking zones; and

WHEREAS, specific geographic boundaries of core investment areas are still subject to approval in accordance with standard public process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council requests the administration study strategies to accelerate accomplishing the approved policy goals of core investment areas and report back to the council by December 31, 2019, on progress and potential options.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to request that the administration seek strategies to implement the policy goals of core Investment areas and report back to the council on progress and potential options.