



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER I, SECTION 1, OF THE CITY CHARTER AMENDING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter I, Section 1 of the 1912 Home Rule Charter of the city of Duluth, as amended, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

Section 1. The city of Duluth in the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota shall continue to be, upon the adoption of this Charter, a municipal corporation of the same name, and with the same boundaries as it now has, to-wit: Commencing at a point where the north line of section twenty-five (25) township fifty-one (51) north of range thirteen (13) west, in St. Louis County, Minnesota, intersects the shore line of Lake Superior; thence west to the northwest corner of section twenty-six (26), in said township fifty-one (51) north of range thirteen (13) west; thence south to the quarter corner post on the west line of said section twenty-six (26); thence west to the center of section twenty-seven (27) in said township fifty-one (51) north of range thirteen (13) west; thence south to the quarter corner post on the south line of said section twenty-seven (27); thence west to the northwest corner of section thirty-five (35) in township fifty-one (51) north of range fourteen (14) west; thence south to the southwest corner of said section thirty-five (35); thence west to the northwest corner of township fifty (50) north of range fourteen (14) west (A.); thence south to the southwest corner of said township fifty (50) north of range fourteen (14) west; thence west to the northwest corner of section two (2) in township forty-nine (49) north of range fifteen (15) west (B.); thence south to the southwest corner of section fourteen (14) in said township forty-nine (49) north of range fifteen (15) west, thence west to the northwest corner of section twenty-two (22) in said township forty-nine (49) north of range fifteen (15) west; thence south to the southwest corner of section thirty-four (34) in said township forty-nine (49) north of range fifteen (15) west; thence west on the town line between township forty-eight (48) north of range fifteen (15) west and township forty-nine (49) north of range fifteen (15) west, to the southwest corner of said township forty-nine (49) north of range fifteen (15) west; thence south on the range line between township forty-eight (48) north of range fifteen (15) west and township forty-eight (48) north of range sixteen (16) west, to the center line of the channel of the St. Louis River; thence easterly along the center line of the channel of said river to the state boundary line between the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin; thence along said state boundary line to the mouth of the St. Louis River at the entry of the Bay of Superior between Minnesota and Wisconsin points; thence in a straight line to the place of beginning.

By and in its corporate name, it shall have perpetual succession; save as herein otherwise provided and save as prohibited by the Constitution or Statutes of the State of Minnesota, it shall have and exercise all powers, functions, rights and privileges possessed by the city of Duluth prior to the adoption of this Charter; also all powers, functions, rights and privileges now or hereafter given or granted to municipal corporations of the first class having "home rule charters" by the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota; also all powers, functions, rights and privileges usually exercised by, or which are incidental to, or inhere in, municipal corporations of like power and degree; also all municipal power, functions, rights, privileges and immunities of every name and

nature whatsoever; and in addition, it shall have all the powers, and be subject to the restrictions contained in this Charter. In its corporate name, it may take and hold, by purchase, condemnation, gift or devise, and lease and convey any and all such real, personal or mixed property, within or without its boundaries as its purposes may require, or as may be useful or beneficial to its inhabitants.

Section 1(A). Certain lands upon which the Duluth International Airport is located were annexed to the corporate limits of the city of Duluth by Ord. No. 7564, passed February 13, 1967, under authority of M.S.A. 414.03, Subd. 2.

Section 1(B). Certain lands upon which the South St. Louis County fairgrounds is located were detached from the corporate limits of the city of Duluth by Resolution No. 11-0052 and subsequent order by the state of Minnesota chief administrative law judge, under authority of M.S.A. 414.061, Subd. 1.

Section 1(C). Certain lands formerly in Midway Township were annexed to the corporate limits of the city of Duluth by Ord. No. 10321, passed July 21, 2014, under authority of M.S.A. 414.0325.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect 90 days after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance amends Section 1 of the City Charter amending the municipal boundaries of the city of Duluth.

The proposed charter change was reviewed and recommended by the Charter commission at its meeting of April 10, 2013.

This ordinance requires a unanimous vote for approval.