



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL, WALKWAY, AND TRAIL PURPOSES FROM AFTENRO SOCIETY OVER PROPERTY NEAR CHESTER PARK AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to accept a permanent easement for public recreational, walkway, and trail purposes, as more particularly described on the Easement Agreement attached as Exhibit 1, from Aftenro Society, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, at no cost to the city, over, upon, across, and along the following described real property:

A strip of land twenty feet (20') wide and being ten feet (10') on each side of a line described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southwesterly line of 19th Avenue East, said point being 271.76 feet Southeasterly of the intersection of the South line of West College Street (originally platted as Geneva Street on plat of Superior View Addition to Duluth) and the Southwesterly line of 19th Avenue East as was located per St Louis County document number 264951, recorded May 16th, 1958; thence in a Southerly direction at an angle of 51°04' to the right for a distance of 238.58 feet, said point being 17.52 feet West of the East line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4 of NE1/4 of SE1/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Fifty (50) North, of Range Fourteen (14), West of the Fourth Principal Meridian

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes acceptance of a permanent easement from Aftenro Society for public recreational, walking, and trail purposes over property near Chester Park. The easement granted is intended to be used for the Duluth Traverse Trail. In consideration of the easement, which comes at no cost to the city, the city agrees to maintain the trail or other improvements within the easement area, as well as provide a reasonable amount of screening and signage to limit use of Aftenro's adjacent property.

The Duluth Traverse Trail is a multi-use trail network linking neighborhoods and parks across the entire ridge-line of Duluth from Lester Park in the east to Chambers Grove in the west. Designed for human-powered activities, such as hiking and mountain bicycling, the Traverse Trail is constructed as a single track, natural surface trail approximately forty-eight inches (48") wide and narrows in time due to intentional vegetation encroachment. Once completed, it will be the first 100-mile trail system of its kind, wholly within an urban environment.