



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE LAKE SUPERIOR AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD AS A DULUTH HERITAGE PRESERVATION LANDMARK.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. Under the authority of Section 50-37.8 of the Duluth Legislative Code, 1959, as amended, the city of Duluth does designate the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad, from Boy Scout Landing on the west to Spring Street on the east, as a Duluth heritage preservation landmark, as documented in Attachment 1;

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance designates the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad, from Boy Scout Landing on the west to Spring Street on the east, as a Duluth heritage preservation landmark. On October 9, 2018, the Duluth Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) voted 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention to recommend the landmark designation, with a stipulation to the motion that serious consideration be given in the landmark's preservation plan to develop a Memorandum of Understanding related to environmental cleanup and historic preservation that is acceptable to all parties. Preceding this action was a public hearing held by the HPC on September 11, 2018, and a recommendation to proceed by the planning commission on August 14, 2018.

The HPC took this action after holding a public hearing on September 11, 2018, where comments were received from the Administration related to concerns that the designation would: significantly limit the potential to meet environmental goals in the St. Louis River Area of Concern (AOC), limit the ability of the city to meet neighborhood goals of increased trails and water access, and impact economic development goals for the U.S. Steel site.

Petitioner: City of Duluth Heritage Preservation Commission

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