

Council Agenda Item 26-008-O



MEETING DATE: March 9, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING A PERPETUAL EASEMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OVER AND ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR TRAIL AND OTHER RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

SUBMITTED BY: Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the dedication of a perpetual easement in favor of the general public across certain city-owned property for trail and other recreational purposes. The real property affected by this ordinance is the city-owned portions of the Lakewalk Trail between the head of Lake Superior (near the Endion Station Bathroom) and 27th Ave. E.

Resolution No. 23-0162 authorized the City to apply for a United States Department of Transportation Grant for “Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity” for resilient rehabilitation of the Lakewalk (the “Grant”). The Grant was awarded and will fund the following activities: (i) restoration and stabilization of portions of the shoreline, (ii) retreatment and rehabilitation the Lakewalk in certain sections, (iii) increase neighborhood and Downtown connectivity to the Lakewalk, (iv) improvement accessibility and safety, and (v) reduction of congestion on the Lakewalk (collectively, the “Project”). A condition of the Grant requires the City to dedicate its own property improved with the Grant for trail or right-of-way purposes. Given that the Lakewalk Trail has other amenities (e.g., water access, bathroom facilities, parking lots, and wayfinding), the City desires to include “other recreational purposes” in this dedication so that use is not solely limited to trail purposes. The majority of the property improved with the Grant is the property described and depicted on the attached Exhibit A.

Although the City has maintained, operated and improved the Lakewalk Trail for over 30 years, it has never been formally dedicated to the public. The City is only able to dedicate the property it owns. The remaining portions of the Lakewalk Trail improved by the Grant, but not included in this ordinance, are authorized under other agreements, which already satisfy the requirements of the Grant.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: None

OPTIONS: Dedicate easement or the City will be unable to complete the Project

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NECESSARY ACTION: Approve resolution

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A, Legal Descriptions and Maps