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RESOLUTION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

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Presented By _____

Referred To _____ Committee: Date _____

WHEREAS, The City Council approved the establishment of two "ad hoc" Business Regulation Task Forces in the last three years, with the 1991 task force chaired by William Huestis, and the 1992-1993 task force co-chaired by Mr. Huestis and Carol Zemke, and

WHEREAS, both of the former task forces were highly effective in recommending a number of improvements in the regulation of business and industry in the City of Saint Paul, including the creation of the "One Stop Shop" and the Office of License, Inspections, and Environmental Protection, the elimination of a number of businesses licenses, and simplification of numerous regulations and procedures, and

WHEREAS, the *Sunset Report* of the 1992-1993 Business Regulation Task Force strongly urged the Mayor and City Council to appoint a permanent, on-going, Business Review Council, to continue the work of streamlining and improving the City's business regulations and to formally establish a line of regular communication between the regulator and the regulated, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Norm Coleman has established the development of a stronger economy as one of his administration's five major priorities, and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council has also established the creation and retention of jobs in the City as one of the Council's major goals, and

WHEREAS, both the Mayor and City Council believe that the establishment of an active Business Review Council will strengthen and promote business interests in the City which will build a stronger economy, Now Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Mayor, the Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby establish the **Business Review Council (BRC)** which shall be made up of at least 21 and no more than 25 members, who shall be selected in accordance with the Policy Concerning Citizen Committees, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, members of the Business Review Council shall primarily represent businesses (At least 75%) but members shall also represent labor, neighborhood, and City enforcement staff, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that nominees representing businesses shall be solicited from the business associations in the City and the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, and the business associations and Chamber may recommend persons who are not actual members of their association provided that they either own or work for a business located in the City or are residents of the City, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor shall designate one or two members of the initial Business Review Council to be chair or co-chairs for the first year of the Council's existence, with the Council selecting a subsequent chair or co-chairs annually or biennially, and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That one third of the initial appointments shall be for one year, another third for two years, and the remaining third shall have a three year term and that vacancies on the Council for whatever cause shall be filled by the Mayor through the open appointments process for the unexpired term, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Review Council shall establish a regular time and place to meet and shall meet at least quarterly, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that staffing for the Council shall be jointly and cooperatively provided by the Department of Planning and Economic Development, The Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, the Department of Finance and Management Services and the Office of License, Inspections & Environmental Protection, and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the charge of the Business Review Council shall be:

1. To review the regulations and procedures of the City that pertain to businesses and to recommend improvements and changes to reduce or simplify unnecessary regulations while maintaining essential protection for public health and safety and the fiscal responsibility of City regulatory functions;
2. To increase coordination between various City enforcement and regulatory agencies, especially the Departments of: Finance; Planning and Economic Development; Public Works; and Fire; and the Office of License, Inspections & Environmental Protection; to speed approvals, reduce redundant requirements, and promote a "business friendly" philosophy on the part of all City operations;
3. To review all proposed legislative and procedural changes that materially affect the regulatory environment of business and industry in the City and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council concerning the approval and implementation of such changes, and the impact that they would have on business and industry.

	Yeas	Nays	Absent
Blakey			
Grimm	✓		
Guerin	✓		
Harris	✓		
Megard	✓		
Rettman	✓		
Thune	✓	○	○

Requested by Department of:

Office of License, Inspections and Environmental Protection

By:

Robert Kessler

Form Approved by City Attorney

By:

Philip B. Byrne 10-13-94

Adopted by Council: Date Oct 26, 1994

Adoption Certified by Council Secretary

By:

David Anderson

Approved by Mayor: Date 10/2/94

By:

Robert Kessler

Approved by Mayor for Submission to Council

By:

Norm Olsen

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DEPARTMENT OFFICE/COUNCIL LIEP		DATE INITIATED 10-12-94	GREEN SHEET		INITIAL/DATE
CONTACT PERSON & PHONE Robert Kessler 266-9112		ASSIGN NUMBER FOR ROUTING ORDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY COUNCIL	
MUST BE ON COUNCIL AGENDA BY (DATE) As Soon As Possible			<input type="checkbox"/> CITY ATTORNEY	<input type="checkbox"/> CITY CLERK	
			<input type="checkbox"/> BUDGET DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> FIN & MGT. SERVICES DIR	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAYOR (OR ASSISTANT)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
TOTAL # OF SIGNATURE PAGES _____ (CLIP ALL LOCATIONS FOR SIGNATURE)					
ACTION REQUESTED Establishment of the Business Review Council (21 to 25 members)					
RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve (A) or Reject (R) _____ PLANNING COMMISSION _____ CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION _____ CIS COMMITTEE _____ _____ STAFF _____ _____ DISTRICT COURT _____ SUPPORTS WHICH COUNCIL OBJECTIVE?		PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS MUST ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: 1. Has this person/firm ever worked under a contract for this department? YES NO 2. Has this person/firm ever been a city employee? YES NO 3. Does this person/firm possess a skill not normally possessed by any current city employee? YES NO Explain all yes answers on separate sheet and attach to green sheet			
INITIATING PROBLEM, ISSUE, OPPORTUNITY (Who, What, When, Where, Why): The former "ad hoc" Business Regulation Task Forces were highly effective in promoting the simplification of numerous city regulations and procedures. A permanent Business Review Council will strengthen and promote business interests in the city through continued review of regulations and procedures.					
ADVANTAGES IF APPROVED: Will help to develop stronger economy and aid in the creation and retention of jobs by eliminating unnecessary rules and regulations that hamper business growth and development.					
DISADVANTAGES IF APPROVED: Will add another "layer" of review and could create additional debate and discussion around esoteric and parochial issues. <div style="text-align: right;">Council Research Center</div> <div style="text-align: right;">OCT 20 1994</div>					
DISADVANTAGES IF NOT APPROVED: Burdensome regulations and procedures will remain and business growth and development will be drawn to other cities.					
TOTAL AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ _____		COST/REVENUE BUDGETED (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO			
FUNDING SOURCE _____		ACTIVITY NUMBER _____			
FINANCIAL INFORMATION: (EXPLAIN)					