

**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

**REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: November 10, 2010**

**REGARDING: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND HRA RESOLUTION 10-5/12-1 AND  
RESOLUTION 09-4/22-2 REGARDING ACQUISITION OF TAX FORFEIT  
PARCELS.**

**Requested Board Action**

The specific action being requested of the HRA Board is as follows:

Approval of the attached resolution which amends HRA Resolution 10-5/12-1 and HRA Resolution 09-4/22-2 to reflect the legislative changes to Minnesota's tax forfeit laws, and to clarify the intended use of certain parcels.

**Background**

The HRA has acquired and redeveloped many tax forfeited properties over the past several years. The HRA obtained properties located in a "targeted neighborhood" from Ramsey County at no cost. Under the tax forfeited laws, the City had determined by resolution which areas of the city qualified as a "targeted neighborhood" by meeting certain criteria.

By Resolution No. 09-4/22-2 ("2009 Resolution") and 10-5/12-1 ("2010 Resolution") the HRA made findings that certain tax forfeited properties were located within a targeted neighborhood.

HRA staff then requested conveyance of these parcels from Ramsey County at no cost.

Ramsey County has not acted on these requests, so the HRA's requests for conveyance remain pending with Ramsey County.

In 2009, the Minnesota Legislature redefined "targeted neighborhood" as "targeted community" and added a fourth criteria to be satisfied before an area could qualify as a targeted community.

On November 3, 2010, the Saint Paul City Council adopted Resolution No. 10-1088 which determined the areas of the city that meet the new criteria of a "targeted community".

The purpose of this Resolution is to amend the 2009 Resolution and 2010 Resolution and make findings that certain properties described in the two earlier resolutions fall within a targeted community, to state the intended use of certain properties, and to direct HRA staff to continue with the acquisition process with Ramsey County.

The location of the eight parcels affected by this Resolution, including the five parcels located inside the targeted communities area, is shown on the attached map (**Attachment A**).

**Budget Action**

No budget action is necessary. Five of the parcels are located within targeted communities and will be requested for conveyance without cost. Three of the parcels are not located in the targeted communities area and will require payment in the amount of appraised value to Ramsey County. HRA will pay for the acquisition of these three parcels from prior approved budgets for NSP, NSP 2 or program income based on the criteria required for acquisition.

**Future Action**

None

**Financing Structure**

NA

**PED Credit Committee Review**

NA

**Compliance**

NA

**Green/Sustainable Development**

NA

**Environmental Impact Disclosure**

NA

**Historic Preservation**

No Change. No review necessary.

**Public Purpose**

No change from previous approval.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends HRA Board approve the amendments to HRA Resolution 10-5/12-1 and HRA Resolution 09-4/22-2.

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**Attachments:**

- **Attachment A – Resolution**
- **Attachment B - Map**