Sponsor:

RESOLUTION NO. 95-3/22-2

Resolution Approving Garden Lease Guidelines and Authorizing Execution of Standard Garden Leases, City-Wide

WHEREAS, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (HRA) has in its vacant land inventory arable lots located in residential neighborhoods within the City; and

WHEREAS, the HRA leased vacant lots to non-profit organizations for use as urban gardens under its Garden Lease Guidelines for the 1994 growing season, adopted by Resolution No. 94-2/9-10; and

WHEREAS, several non-profit organizations are interested in leasing vacant HRA lots for use as urban gardens in the 1995 growing season and in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, the provision of public land for gardening will promote a sense of community and empowerment and create mutual benefit through the shared use of land in the tradition of self help.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, as follows:

1. That the Garden Lease Guidelines and Standard Garden Lease attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby approved.

- 2. That for gardens solely used to grow flowers for beautification, the requirement for liability insurance be waived; however, in such case, any person entering upon the leased premises shall execute a Covenant to Indemnify and Hold Harmless which waives the right to a liability claim.
- 3. That HRA staff is hereby directed to review applications for HRA garden lots for conformance to the Garden Lease Guidelines.
- 4. That the HRA shall enter into such Standard Garden Leases in 1995 and in subsequent years as recommended by HRA staff, which Leases are to be executed on behalf of the HRA by the appropriate HRA officials.
- 5. That any application for an HRA garden lot which is not in conformance to the Garden Lease Guidelines and the Standard Garden Lease must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the HRA Board of Commissioners.

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