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Resolution: RES 26-962

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Initiating zoning text amendments for Highland National Golf Course driving range lighting and golf course (Sec. 65.230).

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Zoning Code, found in chapters 60 through 69 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, is established to promote and to protect the public health, safety, morals, aesthetics, economic viability and general welfare of the community, and to implement the policies of the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 61.801(b) of the Zoning Code authorizes the Saint Paul City Council to initiate amendments to the code; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has requested these zoning text amendments to maximize limited seasonal outdoor recreation hours by extending access to essential public infrastructure, specifically the driving range facilities at Highland National Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are consistent with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, specifically:

- Policy LU-7. Use land use and zoning flexibility to respond to social, economic, technological, market and environmental changes, conditions and opportunities.
- Policy PR-13. Account for seasonality and climate resiliency in the design, maintenance and programming of Parks and Recreation assets to maximize activity throughout the year.
- Policy PR-25. Strive to make programming financially self-sustaining.; and

WHEREAS, the zoning amendments would allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to light driving range facilities, allowing its use for more hours, until approximately 10p.m. seasonally, maximizing daylight hours and public access to the amenity through dusk; and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to maintain driving range service levels during high-demand periods while also generating additional revenue that supports ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, due to the limited scope of the proposed amendments and their outsized operational impact for the Department of Parks and Recreation as the owner of four municipal golf courses in Saint Paul, City Council is proposing these zoning text amendments to allow the changes to be in effect for the maximum amount of days remaining in the 2026 golfing season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby releases the text amendments to Sec. 65.230 of the Zoning Code relating to golf courses for public review and schedules a public hearing for July 22, 2026; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, City Council requests the Planning Commission review the proposed amendments in accordance with State Statute Section 462.357, Subdivision 4.

At a meeting of the City Council on 6/17/2026, this Resolution was Passed.

Yea: 7 Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost, Councilmember Johnson, and Councilmember Coleman

Nay: 0

Vote Attested by Council Secretary Jay Willms **Date** 6/17/2026

Approved by the Mayor Kaohly Her **Date** 6/24/2026