



Legislation Text

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Recognizing that the Department of Emergency Management has met nationally recognized Emergency Management Standards and is accredited by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Management was established in April 2007 because of the existing and increasing possibility of the occurrence of disasters of major size and destructiveness; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management ensures that mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery actions taken by the city will be adequate to successfully manage such disasters; to generally provide for the common defense and to help protect public peace, health, and safety of the people of the city; and

WHEREAS, on-going concerns about terrorism, pandemic influenza, and catastrophic natural disasters, world and local leaders and citizens continue to acknowledge the need to effectively and efficiently strengthen emergency preparedness measures and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, eight department staff; including a Director, Executive Assistant, three Coordinators and three Specialists sustain the Emergency Management Department as well as operations and maintenance supporting the City's, Emergency Operations Center (EOC); and

WHEREAS, EMAP is an independent non-profit organization, fostering excellence and accountability in Emergency Management and Homeland Security Programs by establishing sixty-six total credible standards that are applied in a peer reviewed Assessment and Accreditation Process; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Department was initially EMAP Accredited in April of 2017, and currently has successfully met the sixty-six standards of the EMAP Accreditation requirements to be formally re-accredited in January 2023; and; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Saint Paul City Council does hereby recognize that the Department of Emergency Management has been awarded EMAP re-accreditation for its continued commitment and outstanding service the City of Saint Paul, its City departments, and public partners.