



Legislation Text

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Authorization and Approval for Grant of Easement to H.F.S. Properties for Robert Street Parking Ramp located at 95 E. 7th St., Saint Paul, MN, District 17, Ward 2.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "HRA") is a public body corporate and politic established pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.001, et seq. (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the HRA has the power to engage in development or redevelopment activities under Minnesota law and the HRA is authorized to engage in activities relating to (a) housing projects and development, (b) removal and prevention of the spread of conditions of blight or deterioration, (c) bringing substandard buildings and improvements into compliance with public standards, (d) disposition of land for private redevelopment, and (e) improving the tax base and the financial stability of the community, and to engage in the aforementioned activities when these needs cannot be met through reliance solely upon private initiative and which can also be undertaken in targeted neighborhoods; and is authorized to create redevelopment projects as defined in Minnesota Statute Section 469.002, Subd. 14; and

WHEREAS, the HRA owns the parking ramp located at 95 E.7th St., Saint Paul, Mn between Robert and Cedar in downtown Saint Paul (the "Parking Ramp"); and

WHEREAS, H.F.S. Properties owns the office building adjacent to and west of the Parking Ramp ("Adjacent Owner"); and

WHEREAS, the Adjacent Owner desires to construct and provide for the operation and maintenance of an at-grade connection corridor within and between the Parking Ramp and the Adjacent Owner's building for the purposes of enabling employees, visitors, invitees, contractors, agents and guests of the Adjacent Owner's building to have access to the Parking Ramp from the Adjacent Owner's building; and

WHEREAS, HRA staff has negotiated with the Adjacent Owner an easement agreement ("Easement") which will facilitate the pedestrian access to the Parking Ramp from the Adjacent Owner's building and is submitting the Easement for this Board's consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, the HRA Board finds a public purpose for the granting of the Easement since it will bring more tenants and persons to the downtown area and improve the tax base of the City; and

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

1. The HRA Board hereby approves the Easement.
2. The HRA Chair/Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute the Easement on behalf of the HRA.
3. The HRA Executive Director, legal counsel and staff are authorized and directed to take all actions needed to implement this Resolution.